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staff who will be moving as part of the authority's 'Improving Your Space accommodation project.

She was later able to 'The newly-renovated' 'The newly-r

She was later able to visit the new £2m Assisting Recovery in the Community (ARC) centre, which helps local adults with mental health issues adults with mental health able on a commercial resources. issues by providing structured support and

activities.
BCBC's cabinet member for resources, Coun Huw David said: "The Minister was especially keen to learn more about 'Improving Your Space', where we are aiming to improve our core office accommodation, while making considerable

efficiency savings.

"The authority currently leases a number of buildings across the county borough but this costs a considerable amount in rent. By altering the space that the council currently best in council currently has in main buildings such as the Civic Offices, and by buying Raven's Court, accommodation costs will be considerably reduced, as well as adding an important new building to its portfolio."

A number of changes

will happen this autumn and winter: Work to refurbish Ty'r Ardd,

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ing.

The council announced that refurbishment works are also due to begin on level three in the Civic Offices in November.

The new layout will create a modern, openplan office for the communities directorate, who will be brought together to for the first time.

> The newly-acquired Raven's Court building will house libraries, arts and community living, property, procurement, finance and human

Soldier survives Afghanistan, but gets injured in a Bridgend pub

Guardsman who had been serving in Afghanistan, was head-butted to the floor when he visited a Bridgend pub when on leave, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

His attacker, Jake Williamson, 24, fled from the scene at The Roof pub, said prosecu-

tor Julian Greenwood.

Recorder Richard
Twomlow said: "It is ironic that someone who has been serving with distinction should Afghanistan return to Bridgend and

be injured. He said Williamson had asked his victim, Anthony Fuller, "Are you a hard man?" moments before delivering the blow.
Williamson, of South

Cornelly, pleaded guilty to a charge of causing actual bodily harm and was jailed for 10

Prestige Welsh National Theatre show heads for Bridgend. See Page 5.

by AJ SIČLUNA

months. He wept as he was led to the cells.

Said the Recorder: "The head butt was the equivalent of the use of a an entirely innocent man." Mr Greenwood said

that in the early hours of November 23, Mr Fuller and two friends went to The Roof and put their jackets and jumpers on the bar.

Williamson appeared to interfere with them and was asked what he was doing.

Williamson became aggressive and when Mr Fuller tried to take the heat out of the situation, Williamson head-butted

was an unpro-

voked and vicious head butt to the nose. Mr Fuller fainted and was sick, and he was later treated at the Princess of Wales Hospital,"

Mr Greenwood.

He added: "This has had quite an effect on Mr Fuller, but he said he did not wish publicly to go into the details of his victim impact statement.

Williamson was said to have convictions for using a pepper spray on a man, affray, and pos-

sessing cocaine.

His counsel, Owen
Williams, said "When he
drinks, he behaves in an inappropriate manner. He goes out binge drinking and behaves aggres-

"He needs to grow up. He has a family and that is his motive for change."



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ASSEMBLY NOTES



First Minister CARWYN JONES AM, who is also the Assembly member for Bridgend, continues his exclusive personal column for **GEM** readers

As I was saying before the lengthy interruption...

There's never a dull moment at the Assembly!

T'S been nearly nine months since I last wrote in The GEM.

Some of you may see that as a welcome relief but I hope that over the last few years Î've been able to keep your interest up with my fortnightly contributions.

Apologies first then, for having been a bit absent from these pages but with starting the job of First Minister, time has flown!

Lots of people ask me what being First Minister means and what the job entails. I'm the leader of the government in Cardiff Bay and the job is pretty wide ranging.

It involves meeting with other leaders such as the Prime Minister and the First Ministers of Scotland and Northern Ireland, as well as having regular

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meetings with leaders and ambassadors from abroad. There are no set hours and

quite often I'm working for seven days a week, as well as a few evenings out as well!

It does calm down on occasion, particularly in the middle of August, which gives me time to get away with the family.

I don't complain about the hours, because it's a great privi-lege to do the job and I went into

it with my eyes open.
There is a pattern to the week, though. On Mondays I'm in Cardiff. The Cabinet meets in the afternoon and there are always Cabinet sub-committees that meet in the morning and evening.

On Tuesdays, the Assembly is in session. The Labour group of AMs meets in the morning and I take questions for about an hour on the floor of the Assembly in

Sometimes there will be a the public (we call them surger debate that I have to introduce or ies, but thankfully there are no respond to. The session finishes at any time up to 8.30pm, depending on the volume of busi-

For example, if we're passing a law, it can take some time to deal with up to 70 amendments There's always an event of some kind on after the session.

On Wednesday, I'm usually visiting somewhere in the morning and the Assembly sits again in the afternoon, while on Thursday I usually travel further afield in Wales, often overnight.

Fridays usually bring me back to Bridgend to concentrate on my job as the Assembly Member for Bridgend.

I usually visit organisations or constituents and many people come to the office. Every other

the public (we call them surgerscalpels in sight). Again, there is usually something on in the evening.

Every other Saturday, I also hold a surgery in the office at Bridgend and quite often there'll be something on in the night and occasionally on Sundays as well.

It's a busy job, but I'm lucky that I do something that I enjoy. It can be tough to juggle family life with two young children and if I accepted every invitation I get I would never be home.

Living in Bridgend, though, means I can get home to them at night and I always try to take my two to the school bus in the morning.

BUSY? YES. BORING? NO!

PET STALL'S DOGGY TREATS



Sara Leckie, Dogs Trust Bridgend and John Nagel, who works at Pen-y-Bont pets stall.

DOGS is pictured accept- Bridgend goodies and Centre. ing

TRUST treats and goodies for all trainer Sara Leckie the residents at the Rehoming

treats from the Pen-y-Bont Pets Stall in Sara Leckie, who works for the Dogs Trust, said: "The Pen-y-Bont the Rhiw Indoor Pets Shop in the Rhiw Customers have been having a collection box putting money in the collection box through putting money in the col-lection box throughout tomers are, of course, the the year and the shop was people who make this delighted to present £155 possible by donating for the Dogs Trust to money into the collection spend at the shop on tin time and time again."

Chaucer's women. Sker's bowls team played in Sker's bowls team played in Learning

KER WI held its September meeting at St David's Church Hall, Nottage, and the President, Nina Charlesworth, welcomed

42 members.
The speaker for the evening was Mrs Barbara Miles who spoke on Chaucer's women. Members were enthralled with Mrs Miles' account of some of Chaucer's work, especially the tales of the Prioress and the Wife of Bath. This talk has inspired members to find out more about

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will be required.

the Glamorgan Federation Bowls Tournament at Pyle on Saturday. The team came joint runners up with Kenfig WI. The day was an enjoyable one for all.

On Monday night, September

13, Sker WI held a cheese and wine evening with a fashion show organised by Bon Marche. The proceeds were for ACWW's 'Light A Candle' project. This project is to support women in India to set up a candlemaking industry. The evening was a great success making more than

worked hard and supported Sker WI before and on the night.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 14 at 7pm at St David's Hall, Nottage. This is the annual meeting, when the election of committee and offi-cers are made. There will also be some social time.

Everyone is welcome, come and see what WI has to offer. For further information contact secretary, Cynthia Sidey on 01656 786218

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 23)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
16 Thur	00.17	8.3	12.58	7.6
17 Fri	01.52	7.2	14.39	7.5
18 Sat	03.31	7.3	16.09	7.7
19 Sun	04.42	7.8	17.02	8.3
20 Mon	05.22	8.3	17.47	8.8
21 Tues	06.06	8.8	18.29	9.2
22 Wed	06.45	9.1	19.01	9.4
23 Thur	07.18	9.3	19.28	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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Alternative to 'self-rostering' proposed for the Maesteg Fire Station

Council has welcomed news that the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service is looking at an alternative to its controversial plans to introduce 'self-rostering' at the Maesteg fire station.

The Fire Brigade's Union, which has opposed the scheme, which would see a change in shift patterns to five officers on duty for 24 hours at a time, has proposed an alternative to save money.

Coun Keith Edwards

new proposal for flexi-ble crewing, which has already been carried out in Surrey, is being evaluated at the moment.

The union has claimed that this scheme will yield the savings which were required under self-rostering.
Coun Edwards said he

hoped that this proposal would be considered at meeting September 28, when the sider the self-rostering

"There some progress and I hope they

can reach an agree ment," he added.

Coun Terry Mizen welcomed the news and said that, in its response to the council, which had written urging the authority not to bring in self-rostering, the authority had stated that there could be redundancies and station closures. unless savings

"The big stick was out in that letter. Hopefully, the opposition of some of the councils covered by the authority has helped sway the man-agement on this issue."

made.

Mural remembers a lost friend

YOUNG people from Wildmill have created an eye-catching mural, but with a poignant message, on the side of the Wildmill Community Hub.

The idea of a mural to brighten up the area was suggested through the local Communities

First Partnership.
When young people were asked to help design and paint the mural, they asked that they complete the proj-ect in memory of their

riend Zach Barnes, who tragically died in 2007, aged 17.
Helped by professional artists from the Mobile Arts Project, the young peo-ple included a motorcycle which was a sport that Zach enjoyed, and incorporat-

ed his initial in the rider's helmet.

Zach's mother Amanda Davies said: "I am really pleased that Zach has been remembered by his friends in Wildmill, and the fact that they were involved in designing and painting the mural."

Roger Marsh, chair of the Wildmill Communites First Partnership, added: "It has really brightened up this part of Wildmill and is another visible sign of the community coming together to improve the estate.



Kenfig's new priest has a Channel Island connection

THE Rev Jonathan Wolverhampton (1992-Durley has been 1994) from where he appointed as Priest qualified as a social in-Charge of the Parish of Kenfig Hill, with 'Shropshire Drugs which includes the Help' – before moving which includes the St churches Theodore's, Kenfig Army projects dealing Hill and St Colman's, with homelessness and Cefn Cribwr.

Jonathan Darley was born in Lymington, Deacon in 2005 and as a Hampshire, in 1966, and Priest in 2006, and has moved with his parents been assistant priest in to Jersey when he was the Parish of Newton-

He was educated in Jersey up to the age of 18, before moving to London in 1985 to join the Church Army. He worked with the Church Army in Newcastle and Northern Ireland before attending Church Army College in London, from 1986-1989

On completion of his training, he was commissioned as a Church Army Officer by Archbishop Runcie of Canterbury. He then moved to

Cardiff in 1989, where he worked with young homeless people and spent a year in London doing similar work.

Saturday, October 30.

get in touch as soon as possible.
ANDREW REEKIE.

Royal British Legion).

(Hon Secretary, Bridgend branch,

back to Cardiff in 1995 as manager for Church self-harm.

He was ordained as a Nottage, since 2007. Porthcawl.

His father and brother still live in Jersey. Rev Darley's 'claim to fame' is that his grandfather was a Master Mariner and brought the first mail ship into Jersey after the end of the German Occupation.

His grandfather on the French side of family, as Church Verger, was per-secuted by the Germans during the occupation for removing the Swastika Flag from the altar of the Main Church in Helier. Every time the Germans replaced it, he would remove it again!

went to the **Report and photo by**rsity of **Keith E Morgan.**

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larger poppies for vans, lorries and buses should

WE are asking for volunteers for this

year's Poppy Appeal, starting on

Rev Jonathan Darley.

Local team wins world firefighters' challenge

THE Bridgend Extrication Team from South Wales Fire and Rescue Service have returned triumphant from the World Rescue Challenge competition in Ireland.

Top teams from around the world competed for the presti-gious title, with teams from the USA, Spain, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Luxemburg, South Africa, Hungary, Poland, Russia, and

Australia. DCFO Kevin Barry

said: "This is an amazing achievement and I'm proud of each member of the team.

"To have a clean sweep and win every extrication event is unheard of, and shows an exceptional level of success.

Bridgend team leader Shaun Moody. added: "Once again, I want to thank the team for all their hard work in training for this

"Thank you also to the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service



management team for their continued sup-

"As well as being the first team ever to win each extrication event, the Bridgend Extrication Team created World Challenge history by becoming the first to lift the team champions title three times.

The trauma team comprised Chris Jones and Emrys Davies.

Extrication team: Shaun Moody (team leader) Roger Magan, Mark Sanderson, Phil May, Allyn Hosey and Andrew Morgan.

Silver lining to late opening of Maesteg pool

MAESTEG swim- additional facilities for than planned because extra work is to be carried out.

Coun Keith Edwards told the town council that the original work was due to have been com-pleted in September and this work was all on

ming pool is to open disabled users and also to weeks later paint the pool hall and the foyer.

He explained: "It was decided that it would be better to complete all the work in one go rather than open and then close again.

"This has put the opening back to October but we are getting more But extra funding has than we thought initially. been found to pay for It's all for the good."

Lack of copper results in drop in crime rate!

CRIME in the Llvnfi Valley almost halved in August compared with July – thanks to the end of copper wire thefts.

In July, the Caerau area was hit with a spate of more than 100 incidents where copper wire was stolen from houses in the village. Whole streets were targeted. Sgt Paul Thomas told

Maesteg Town Council that the copper thefts had stopped which had resulted in a big drop in the crime figures. In July, there were 191 crimes in the valley compared to 106 in

August.
There has been an increase in house burglaries – from four to seven with five of these in Caerau.

And the number of thefts from vehicles has doubled from six to 12. with seven in the West Ward and five in Caerau.

But theft including shoplifting was down to 20 and vehicle thefts were reduced from six to

Sgt Thomas stressed that there was no pattern to the burglaries or any of the other crimes. He said that no particular area was being targeted so it was difficult for the police to put together an operation to counteract

He told councillors that incidents of criminal damage had been com-mitted, with stones and bricks being thrown at cars and properties but some people had been arrested.

He pointed out that incidents of anti-social behaviour were down month on month - from 91 to 81.

Sgt Thomas stated that police had run an automatic number plate recognition operation which had produced some results and they had also executed warrants on people who had

failed to appear in court. He said that police had mounted some targeted patrols in the valley which should see a drop in crime when this month's figures are pro-

Coun Terry Mizen said that when volunteers were cleaning the river at Caerau last weekend, they had found a bag hidden by the river containing short pieces of copper wire. This has been handed in to police.
"The bag was hidden

in a place where it could be picked up easily," he added.

Sgt Tomas promised to look into this.
Coun Colin Teesdale

was concerned about the burglaries and thefts from cars in the West ward.

He felt that police were being "relaxed" and said that the figures were "pretty damn poor.

Sgt Thomas replied that the criminal damage incidents were not hap-pening to a particular family or in a particular area which made it diffi-



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Councillors are determined to get a public toilet opened in Maesteg park

Town council will continue to press borough council

MAESTEG Town Council is to persist in its attempts to get a public toilet opened in able 90 per cent of the Park.

The council has set budget to pay to refurbish a toilet at the park but their initial request to upgrade the toilet at the back of the sports pavilion has been rejected by BCBC because it would be subject to vandalism.

The town council is now investigating the possibility of upgrading the toilets inside the bowls pavilion and attempting to get them opened for the use of the

from Gareth Evans BCBC who is in charge of playing fields. Coun Keith Edwards told him the park was the centre-piece of the town and was highly popular and

very well used.
"People visit the park looking for toilets but other than when the sports pavilion is open when a game is being played, there are no toilet facilities.

He asked Mr Evans state for suggestions.

Mr Evans said he had was a fact that the counmet town councillors at cil did not have any the park in May. He had money and there was explained that the toilets nothing in his budget to inside the pavilion locat-

in the bowls pavilion was the best option. He agreed that ideally, there should be toilets at the

remarked that the park was very well used every evening. He asked if the bowls pavilion was open in the evening when no bowls matches were

being played.
"The borough has a policy of encouraging healthy outdoor activities and we have 40 to 50 children in the park some evenings but there's no need a toilet to be avail- dalism. He said that there options

Report by **JAYNE ISAAC**

Maesteg Welfare time when the park is in

He added that the toisome money aside in its lets need to be signpost-

Maesteg Park had an attendant present every day from 2pm until dusk which is about 9pm in the summer

He added that within those limits the toilets at the bowls pavilion would be available

Coun Colin Teesdale informed fellow councilllors that a packed public meeting has been held council met about the lack of toilets.

"We have not yet been able to take one step forward on this. Council officers seem to take the view that we cannot have the toilets because the council cannot afford it. But there is some money

around and people feel very strongly about this." He added that the tennis courts in the park were unusable and the existing toilet facilities there were in a shocking

when the park was open. He asked if the toilets

nould be toilets at the in the bowls pavilion ark.

Coun Terry Mizen the rest of the pavilion, enabling them to remain open while the pavilion

itself was closed.
"But that would mean having someone there to open up the toilets and then close them at night," he pointed out.

would be concern park about having toilets left open when the park was would be subject to van-

was no estimate available at the moment of the costs of refurbishing these toilets

Coun Phil Jenkins said that the present position was disgraceful.

"Maesteg has one of the best parks in the whole of the county bor-ough but we are excluding the elderly and dis Mr Evans said that abled from enjoying the park because of the toile situation."
He said that neigh-

bouring councils had placed toilet facilities in their parks.

"Maesteg used to have them until they were locked up. We pay the highest council in the county borough and the council should take this on board."

Mr Evans said he fully supported the need for toillets but there was no money available at the

Coun Ian Jones told councillors that children using the park after school have to go to the Sports Centre to use their

Coun Keith Edwards said it was apparent that BCBC were only willing to have toilets open when the park is manned.

"Although this may not be satisfactory, it is something that we have

not got now.
"We should consider investing our money as a council in this. It will be the pair in ...
explained that the toilets inside the pavilion located by the rugby pitches how much the town the pavilion was open during matches. But it is locked at other times.

Le explained that the town council was used to be the council was open during matches. But it is locked at other times.

Le explained that the town council was open during matches and also put looking for a toilet facility open at these times and also put up signs."

Coun Ross Thomas

said that residents had formed a Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park organisation and they were anxious to work with BCBC and the town council to get things

It was agreed to write to BCBC and ask them for costings for refurbishing the toilets at the Bowls pavilion and also Mr Evans said that to erect signs around the

Keith Edwards said that once the council had unattended because they some idea of the cost, it

Radio station founder is wed



Photo by Brian Jones (BR Jones Photography).

THE founder of 106.3 Bridge FM, Nick Horton, now a close protection officer, from Porthcawl, married Jacqueline Howard, a courier from St Ives, at Huntingdon Register Cambridgeshire. They honeymooned on the Norfolk Coast.

Concern over plastic being sent to landfill

THE problem of non-biodegradable plastics still being sent to landfill by **Bridgend County Borough Council is** to be raised with the council.

Coun Phil Jenkins told Maesteg Town Council that he was concerned about the fact that the recycling scheme set up did not include some forms of plastics

"The only alternative then is to bury this stuff which will still be there in a thousand years. We are filling up our landfill sites with non biodegradable items. We should ask them if they

can find an alternative."
But Coun Tom Beedle said that the borough had made huge strides in getting the percentage of rubbish recycled up to 70 per cent. He said that the town council should be celebrating their

achievements Coun Colin Teesdale pointed out that Bridgend was streets ahead of most other councils. He said that there had been problems but these were being

"Vehicles have been changed and different work practices have been brought in. We should not be condemn ing something that will eventuallybe proved to be very successful ." Coun Jenkins said he

was not being critical and merely wanted to know what was happen ing to the landfill items.

"I just want to know what plans they have to eradicate the plastics going to landfill," he

It was agreed to send a letter to BCBC.

Flower arrangers⁵ meeting



PENCOED Flower Arrangement Society starts a new season on Monday, September 20, at 7pm in Pencoed College.

Meetings are held twice monthly and membership is open to all those interested in flower arranging, at whatever level of competency.

Tuition is given and the subscription is reasonable, and there will be visiting demonstrators and speakers.

The first meeting will be an enrolment and social evening, with a 'bring your own' buffet. The programme for the session will be available.

Contact 01656 657796 for more information.

Your chance to share the community news

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

region, please contact me.
I am very approachable and will endeavour to include

Contact details: CLIVE MITCHELL



Harvest festival

MINISTER Alistair Swinford is holding the Harvest Festival Service at Smyrna Chapel, Pen-y-Fai on Sunday, September 19

on Monday, September 20 at 7.15pm there is a special service with Minister John D Davies, who normally preaches in the Upper Rhondda Baptist Churches. It will be followed by the Harvest Festival supper.

Everyone is welcome at both events.

German concert

MAESTEG Gleemen male voice choir, twice winners of the Welsh National Eisteddfod, is once again demonstrating its commitment to

charitable causes.
On Friday, September 17 at 7pm, it has organised a concert to help old people and the less welloff residents in the Aberkenfig area by raising funds to assist the Aberkenfig Bible Church, Heol Persondy,

Aberkenfig.
The church, unfortunately, has had to close its café which provided hot meals to these peo-ple, for some, their only hot meal of the day, through lack of funds.

On September 22, the choir will represent the Welsh choral tradition on tour in Essen, Germany, the European

City of Culture 2010.

Prospective members are welcome to goalong to any rehearsal on Monday and Thursday evenings at the Royal British Legion Club, Commercial Street, Maesteg.

School appeal TYNYRHEOL pri-

mary school, Llangeinor headmaster Martin Griffiths, is asking parents to ensure the school has correct contact details for their children.

Last term, there were difficulties in contacting some responsible adults when a child was taken ill, or there was an emer gency at the school.

He has congratulated staff member Mrs Green, who gave birth to a baby boy Henley Dowling, weighing in at 8lbs 1oz. during the summer holidays; both mother and

babe are doing well. He has also welcomed the two new members of the staff to the school Mrs Alison Street and Mrs Christina Munro.

Children's choir

Maesteg children's choir is helping Saint Cynfelyns church, Caerau to celebrate its centenary year and the harvest festival supper service by leading the hymn singing at the church on September 29 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

This choir has been led by the accomplished musical director Enid-Sian Hughes for 25 years, aided by Ryan Wood (accompanist for

the last 17 years). Next year, the choir will be staging its 25th (silver anniversary) con-cert at Maesteg town hall

It rehearses at Plasnewydd primary school, Maesteg on Saturday mornings. This is an opportunity for local youngsters aged between eight and 17, to join the choir.

Further information about the choir can be obtained on 01656 732385, or www.cobwebs.co.uk.

Cardiac support BRIDGEND and District Cardiac Support Group has reconvened its meet-ings after the summer recess with the next meeting taking place on October 4 at 2pm in the Communal Room

at the Princess of Wales hospital. Meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, and new members will be wel-

comed. At each meeting there is normally an invited speaker, with the talks covering a large variety of subjects. In addition, the group organises a gentle exercise class every week, one in Bridgend the other in Maesteg.

Throughout the year, it also organises other social events, such as day or weekend away

trips.
Further information from Ron on 01656 656732.

Remembrance concert

GARW Valley male choir will take part in a special concert on Saturday, October 23 to celebrate Remembrance Day. together with the Band and Corps of Drums from the Royal Corps of Signals.

Once again, a school choir takes pride of

Family breakfast

ON Saturday, September 25 at 9am, members of Horeb Baptist Chapel, Nantymoel will be holding a family prayer breakfast, to which all families in the area are invited to take part.

Mothers' Union

THE LBA Mothers' Union is organising a coach trip to the Penderyn Distillery at Hirwaun on Tuesday, September 21, which includes a guided tour around the distillery and lunch at the Glancynon Inn and restaurant.

There are a couple of seats still available; telephone Jane on 01656 725176.

The Mothers' Union hold meetings in St Bride's church, Llansantffraid on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Shoebox appeal

FÖLLOWING on from the success of **Operation Christmas** Child last year when over 140 boxes of goodies were collected for children living in the Third World, members of St Bride's church, Llansantffraid will again be organising the collection point for these boxes at the

They are hoping to exceed the amount of boxes they collected last

Let us hope readers of this column will start collecting and packing useful items for these unfortunate children as soon as possible to ensure the total is exceeded.

Club meets RETIRED Persons Club, Aberkenfig, meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy every Wednesday afternoon between 2pm-4pm.

It regularly holds other social events and trips on other days. The next trip is to Abergavenny on September 28, which of course is market day, one of the largest in south Wales.

There are still a few seats available place; this year it is from Telephone Joyce/ Tom on 01656 720823/ 720026.

HOW TO CONTACT US!

We welcome your news, views and other items of community interest. Email them to ggem@internet-today.co.uk To read the GEM online, log onto www.bridgend-today.co.uk or www.porthcawl-today.co.uk

Porthcawl Male Choir sponsors local soprano



ABOVE: Singer Charlotte Skidmore, is pictured with some of her sponsors from the Porthcawl choir.

PORTHCAWL Male Choir has awarded the 'Dilwyn Evans Memorial Scholarship' for 2010 to a local girl, Charlotte Skidmore.

Charlotte has been awarded a place at the Guildhall College of Music and Drama in London, and will study for a Bmus Classical Soprano, a four-year undergraduate degree. Charlotte has

already been involved with many local fundraising concerts,

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL NEWS IN BRIEF

by residents.

THE council is to go into flowers.

THE council is to go into partnership with the Llynfi Valley Rivercare Council has agreed to between Caerau Road and Treharne Road.

Group and will fund the pay for six new litter and Treharne Road.

Hog fouling bins in the Residents in all affected the council will be given training of two additional volunteers to spray
Japanese knotweed at
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council. All costs to be
met by the town council.

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padlocks and chain in India this year, is to get which have been placed a grant of £200 from on a gate at the Caerau Maesteg Town Council.

Community Route to Ms Connolly hopes to prevent motor cyclists from accessing it are

Coun Ian Jones told wrestler and this is the Maesteg Town Council first time this has been moved that the club be that he walked the path included in the given £200 and he was recently and was told by Commonwealth Games, backed by Coun Ian residents that the chain Only four competitors Jones who said it was was being lifted up over from Wales are taking taking children off the

to also pay for the move who died last week. A intends to place gates ing of a street light, fol-donation will also be and fence panels to lowing representations made to the family's choby residents. sen charity in lieu of THE council is to go into flowers.

Town councillors heard that emergency vehicles are often unable to reach Maesteg Parc Football Club. PLANS to open an

Street when cars are Indian take-away at 1, parked on both sides.

MEMBERS heard that have been opposed by there is a patch of land Maesteg Town Council.

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keys. THE Ogmore Valley Silver Band is to receive £50 from Maesteg Town Council towards the cost of representing the borough in a competition in Nantyffyllon; Prestatyn. The council Road, Caerau; made the donation after hearing that there are band members living in

streets will be given

A REQUEST for sponsorship from a man who will be running in next year's London Marathon has been turned down by the town council.

Mr Gareth Holloway wrote to say he had secured a place and would be running to raise funds for the ACTION charity which funds research into genetic disease which affects chil-

However, Coun Bill May said that it would set a precedent as dozens of local residents take part in the marathon every year. He suggested that the charity write to the council separately to seek a donation.

AN appeal for funds by a the newly-formed Caerau Football Club has been deferred so that the town council can receive more information. The club caters

who then are able to open the gate and access the route. It was agreed to write to BCBC.

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singing with Porthcawl Male Choir, Port Talbot Cymric. Bridgend Mixed Choir, Maesteg Gleemen and recently won the Dunraven Singer of the County competition at

A choir spokesman said: "Charlotte is a most worthy winner of the scholarship and the Porthcawl Male Choir wish her well with her studies and look forward to her singing as a guest with choir in

THE Cowbridge

Food and Drink

October 30 and 31

- is fast approach-

weekend of enter-

tainment is being

whole family.
As well as the usual

treats in the exhibition

marquees and at the

ous venues around

Cowbridge.

demos, activities will

also be running at vari-

"This year, we are very excited to be trying out something new by

working with Barefoot Studio in creating the

their car park. We are

'Entertainment Zone' in

holding a programme of workshops and perform-ances suitable for every

age group, all free of charge," explained event

"These activities run

from 10am to 4pm both days and include Punch and Judy and magic

shows, as well as drum-

shops. A full timetable is available at www.cow-

bridgefoodanddrink.org. "The Kids' Zone in the Lesser Hall again

offers free face painting,

ming and circus work-

manager Polly Wilson.

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ing and a great

Festival – on

Maesteg Town Hall.

Bridgend Youth Theatre 'graduates' come home for a major production

Prestige National Theatre show heads for Bridgend venue

by PHILIP IRWIN

NATIONAL Theatre Wales, which is in its inaugural year, is bring-

The theatre has identified Love Steals Us From Loneliness, by Bridgend's Gary Owen, as a key production, and the artistic director, John E McGrath, has chosen to direct it himself.

To strengthen Bridgend connection, two of the lead actors – Kate Elin-Salt and Mark Sumner – are recent today. 'graduates' of the In Bridgend Youth Theatre From

as well as a great range of craft activities and

competitions. A new

local company, HoneyBee Bakery, are

bringing their delicious

cupcakes for children to decorate, either to eat there and then, or to

enter Saturday's cake

decorating competition

include iewellery mak-

ing, Halloween mask

and card making, plus

plain bunting triangles will be available to dec-

orate for the festival to

2011 and beyond! On Sunday, October 31

(Halloween of course)

the festival organisers

are judging the Pumpkin Lantern Competition.

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"Other crafts on offer

Food festival

offers more

family fun

The play will run over 10 nights (October 7 to 10) at Hobos - a venue

duction to a small venue in Bridgend.
The theatre beautiful for the distribution of th Solomon a Gaenor, Doctor Who, and S4C's black comedy Y Pris.

Gary Owen, who has established himself as one of Wales's foremost playwrights, has turned his attention to the town where he spent his teens, asking what it's like to be a teenager in Bridgend, in Wales, and in the UK

In Love Steals Us
From Loneliness, Gary
looks beyond recent
headlines to exame the real issues that surround adolescence – impulsive-ness, uncertainty, extremes of emotion, loss and how we deal with it, longing, boredom, guilt, exuberance, and denial.

The play follows a group of Bridgend teenagers as they drink together, explore their sexual identity, and contemplate their future.

And when, one night, everything changes, we see how the events of adolescence irreversibly shape our adult lives.

Gary Owen was born Pembrokeshire 1972, and moved with his family to Bridgend aged eight and a half. He attended Brynteg Comprehensive School. His plays include Crazy Gary's Mobile

FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

THE Porthcawl Committee for Cancer Research is looking forward to seeing resi-dentsat the harvest Tea in All Saints Church Hall on September 24 at 3.30pm.
There will be stalls, a

raffle, sandwiches, apple pie and cream, all for £3.50.

On November 6, there is a 'sausage and mash' lunch at The Hi Tide, again stalls and raffle (tickets £6) from 12.30pm for 1pm.

Please come along and support us in the fight against cancer.



A young Katie Elin-Salt, just starting out with the Bridgend Youth Theatre, auditioning for Damn Yankees seven years ago.

Disco, The Shadow of a Award, and the George singing Devine Award), *The* ing '1 Drowned World (winner, Talent'. Fringe First and Pearson

written a new adaptation & Drama. of Dickens' A Christmas

is co-writer and creator Boys. Katie Elin-Salt trained

doing theatre work since Apollo

she showed a flair for 7.30pm in Hobo's Rock comedy in Chorus Line Club & Live Music and Singing in the Rain, Venue, 6-10 Queen and Singing in the Rain, Venue, 6-10 Queen and played the romantic Street, Bridgend. leads in West Side Story For tickets, contact

The same versatilty Boy, (winner of the showed in her singing, Meyer Whitworth and Katie won several singing contests, includ-ing 'Bridgend's Got

Her fellow BYT mem-Hinge First and reason
Best Play Award) and ber, Mark Sumner, also
trained at the Royal
Most recently, he's
Welsh College of Music

At the BYT, Mark Carol for Sherman shone in a number of Cymru.

With Helen Raynor, he given the lead in Fiddler on the Roof, and he was of the upcoming BBC an outstanding success. Wales TV series *Baker* He was in the same *West* Side Story as Katie, playing Riff, the leader of the at the Royal Welsh Jets. His television work College of Music and includes Con Passionate, Drama and has been playing the role of

graduation. The show runs from
In her days with the
Bridgend Youth Theatre,
Saturday, October 16, at

(Maria) and Carousel Sherman Cymru on 029

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Porthcawl hits a high point (and a low point too) as the autumn tides arrive!

WEDNESDAY, September 9, was the day when Porthcawl's tides were at their most extreme.

At 1.34 pm, the sea was as far out as it will be this year, and at 7.56pm, it was at its highest!

It meant that, as shown below, it was possible to walk around the lighthouse end of the pier - a rare event.





ABOVE: Looking back at Porthcawl Harbour from the harbour light.



ABOVE: High tide and the water is close to washing into Jennings Building.

BELOW: The sea was calm and only small waves were arriving at Coney Beach.



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PLANNING APPLICATIONS Who wants to build what and where?

Mr and Mrs G Jones – r/o 2 Pascoes Avenue, Bridgend - remove limb from ash tree overhanding rear garden. Tudor Properties **Llwydarth Road,** Maesteg – demolition of existing building and construction of two dwellings. Mr Isaac Roberts – 2 Park Terrace, Tondu, Bridgend – replace con

crete roof tiles with slate, remove fascia boards, repair rafter chimney rw goods and renaint door. Mr N Southwell – 1 Hillcrest, Pen y Fai, Bridgend – kitchen extension to front, utility/shower room to rear and roof re-design and

re-tile. Mr C James – 102 Tremains Court, Brackla, Bridgend new house. Mrs L Groves – land adjacent Penylan, Heol y Cyw, Bridgend –

dormer hungalow McCarthy & Stone Retirement - land r/o The Seabank Hotel, The Green Avenue, Porthcawl - redevelop-

ment to form 60 assisted living extra care apartments for older people communal facilities/parking. Aeolus Power Ltd – Baiden Farm, Ffordd y Gyfraith, Cefn Cribbwr, **Bridgend** – request for screening opinion for two 25m wind turbines. South Wales Police -Police Headquarters. Cowbridge Road, **Bridgend** – proposed gas canister store (for storage of nitrogen, helium, compressed air and

hydrogen). Čae Court Development: - Cae Court, Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend conversion of Grade II listing building into four flats and construct four mended house design to new flats to rear.



'school in session' at St Clare's PUPILS at St Clare's Newton, Porthcawl, will be practising their tour-guiding skills on Friday, September 24, the school's forthcoming school in session' open morning from 9.30am-11am.

Sixth form pupils will be on hand to show potential parents and their children around the senior their children around the senior school and give an unbiased view of life at St. Clare's. For those considering entry into the Prep School, year-6 pupils will be on hand to help with tours.

Start and pupils.

The event also coincides with a coffee morning in the senior school hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning', which is open to all.

A spokesman 'school in A spokesman said: "The 'school in session' event is 'school in session' event is the first open event to be held designed to be an informal introduction to the school on a typical working morning. Parents and with over 48 per cent A*/A pass children will be able to see the grade at GCSE and 60 per cent as they take centre-stage in School in action, visit lessons and A*/A pass grade at A level.

the school's forthcoming get a real taste of the education on Head of St Clare's, offer.

The morning will include: meeting the headmaster, a tour of the school and the grounds and plenty of opportunities to talk to staff and pupils.

Aguilar, said he is extending a warm welcome to any parent wishing to attend the 'school in session'

"I hope parents will be able to experience the quality of what is on offer at the school. See for yourselves and witness first hand the excellent teaching and the real care and sense of community which embraces all we do," he



Porthcawl's 'pool-less gala' is a giggle – but it has a very serious side as well!

THIS year's Porthcawl 'pool-less gala' was offering a serious message behind the frivolity, as organisers emphasised the way a lack of leisure facilities can impact on health – particularly that of the elderly.

health – particularly that of the elderly.

Swimming pools, after all, often have a gymnasium in the same complex, and Gary Victor of SHOUT was keen to point out that the town had neither. SHOUT, after all, is a body that campaigns on behalf of the over-50s, and Gary said: "On one hand, the Assembly and BCBC extol the virtues of keeping fit through exercise in the gym.

"On the other hand, Porthcawl has nothing at all, despite the fact that the town has double the borough average of over-65s.

ough average of over-65s.
"If anyone in Porthcawl is referred by their GP to

work out in a gym, they have to travel to Bridgend." He added: "There is also a high proportion of iso-

lated elderly people, who have retired here and who may have lost their partners.
"SHOUT believes that helping the elderly stay fit and mobile is important, and that is why we will continue to campaign for leisure facilities to be included in regeneration plans.









ABOVE: Gary Victor of SHOUT, with young swimmers in John Street.

Porthcawl Stroke Club staged













Highlighting the lack of gymnasium work out facilities in the town.







ABOVE: The Bridgend Dance Centre wowed the crowds with a street dancing display.

POLITICIANS BEWARE THE ELECTION CLOCK

(and long memories)

VEN though I am well into Sunday. d my 50s and should probably know better, I still have an optimistic outlook when I attempt to engage directly with politicians: despite a dismal record of fail-

Recently, I made my views known about the plans to charge the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion for the right to march through Barry town

I also sent emails to our newly-elected local MP Alun Cairns and to the Office of the Prime Minister, asking for their respective views on those proposals.
I am somewhat dis-

appointed, but not surprised, that neither of them has acknowledged receipt of the emails, let alone responded in any way.

In the run-up to elections, voters are bombarded with letpromises that should they be elected, they will stay connected to and work tirelessly for their constituents blah, blah, etc. However, once in

ters and pamphlets,

praising the various candidates; all of

whom always make

office you rarely ever hear from them again. I would merely

point out the (obvious) fact that politicians at all levels must eventually face re-election and not all of us voters have memory problems (at least not yet, in my case!)

When deciding whether to vote for the re-election of an incumbent politician, I NICK MEYRICK, ask myself how visible Barry

and effective have they been at grass roots level; what have they done for me when I've asked for advice or support; and what (hopefully positive) difference have they made to my community..?

I am sure I am not alone in using those baselines when judging politicians' effectiveness... The election clock

starts counting down on the day after the votes are cast and despite what politicians might hope, past performance is a guide to future effectiveness.

FOLLOW THE (Vale) LEADER

Exam results are down to hard work



by Coun GÓRDON KEMP Leader of the Vale

Excellent results ET again, the Vale has seen excellent A-level and GCSE results for its school students, with results continuing to exceed the Welsh average.

These results are a testament to the

hard work of the pupils, their teachers and the support of parents.

The results are even more impressive when one remembers that our supports the support of parents. pupils receive the lowest funding per head in Wales from the Welsh
Assembly Government (WAG).
Congratulations to all pupils, teach-

ers and parents.

Council website THE council is currently undertaking a campaign to encourage residents to try out its website – www.valeofglam-organ.gov.uk Have you visited

the site?
Council services can be requested there 24 hours a day, seven days a week and problems such as flytipping, graffiti and potholes can be reported

Also, if you tap in your postcode you can find information specifically for your address. Using the website is cheaper than a phone call and more convenient than making a trip to council offices.

It is also cheaper for the council to deal with enquiries through the website than by phone or face to face and, of course, that's a saving for the tax-

Cowbridge library GOOD news for Cowbridge and our library service with the announcement that the town's

library is to be extensively refurbished with funding from the council and WAG.

The plans for the refurbishment are based on feedback from customers and will include a new IT suite and creation of a separate children's area.

The council will provide new computer equipment and a collection of new books.

Vale on the Road

THANK you to everyone who came along to talk to myself, members of the council's cabinet and senior officers, at the Vale on the Road events in Barry and Llantwit Major.

Our final event will take place in the Paget Rooms Penarth on Saturday, September 25, 10am-1pm.

Please come along and feel free to question us about our work and raise any council service issues you may

Nell's Point

THANK you to everyone who contributed ideas and comments as part of the consultation on the future of the old Butlins site on Barry Island.

Every suggestion will be considered and will help us formulate our plans for the Island. Barry has been designated a respective designated a regeneration area by WAG and £9 million has been ear-

marked for the town.

Barry is the principal town in the Vale of Glamorgan and we appreciate its success is important to Barrians and the wider county; we are dedicated to working with WAG to secure a successful future for the town.

Colin Jones Solicitors

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Barry has become a TV filming hotspot!

GAVIN AND STACEY seem to have created a trend in Barry, with TV producers keen to use the town and Island in both factual and fictional shows.

The latest production to arrive in the town was the BBC comedy drama series, Being Human, which was filming in Canon Street last Thursday,

September 9.

The road was closed to traffic while the show's stars. Lenora Critchlow and Aiden Turner, were put through their paces.

In the last two years, the town has also been used as a backdrop for Torchwood ,starring John Barrowman and an ITV Wales documentary series on Barry Island and the Pleasure Park



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Honours for two Barry Royal Navy reservists

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The Mayor of the Vale Royal Navy from 1969 to 1980. He is now a reservists with their Leading Seaman in the clasps which recognise their contribution to the Royal Navy Reserves. Leading Seaman Bill Reserve Branch, specialising in submarine communications.

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recognition of a further five years' service in the Royal Naval Reserve.

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Warrant Officer Kevin Rowan joined the Royal Naval Reserve at *HMS* Cambria in 1990, having completed 18 years with the Royal Navy including six months as a Permanent Staff



Leading Seaman Bill Palmer.

The award of the first clasp to his Volunteer Reserve Service Medel: Afghanistan. He mobilised again in 2003 for duty in the second Gulf War.

Promoted to Warrant Officer in November 2005. he took on the new role of Regional Warrant Officer for Wales and the south west of England, until September 2008, until when he was appointed the Logistics Career Manager.

The award of the sec-ond clasp to his Volunteer Reserve In 2002, he was mobilised and formed Volunteer Reserve Newpo Prance Cambria.



Warrant Officer Kevin Rowan.

Royal Naval Reserve years which have seen him serve in such places as Norfolk Virginia, Newport Rhode Island, France, Spain, Cyprus, Pakistan, Oman and

Warrant Officer Rowan has been, and remains, an outstanding example for the rest of the ship's company of HMS Cambria

CREDIT UNION IS ONE-YEAR-OLD...



Left to right: Sharon Topazio, Gibbonsdown and Court Communities First co-ordinator; Lianne Abel, Credit Union saver; Helen Cocco, Cardiff and the Vale Credit Union. Front row (right): Sarah Hilson, Credit Union volunteer.

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Sarah said: "It's lovely would like to see more faces every To start saving in your

local community, visit the Gibbonsdown Credit Union Collection Point week mounts up in the on Fridays between long run" 11am and 12pm at Gibbonsdown and Court Communities Office, Aberaeron Close.

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NEW SITTING MEANS ONLY ONE THING FRESH PAPERWORK!

Committee .mailing has arrived and I have a large and varied number of documents to read.

Readers may be interested in the variety of background reading for the select committee.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) report on military low flying in the UK is interesting reading. Wales falls into Area 7 and is important for advanced fast pilot training, low flying training, and for helicopter training. Wales and Scotland are both especially important because of the variety of terrain.

Much of the helicopter pilot and crew training is pre-deployment training for overseas operations. No-one likes low flying aircraft, especially the noisy fast jets, but having visited the training schools and flown over some of the training zones, I know how vital they are to the defence and security of

the country. Inter departmental reports are unceasingly being produced, and the report on the Global Threat Reduction Programme is a combined report from the Foreign Office, (FCO), MoD and Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

This programme addresses nuclear, radiological and biological risks and is the UK's largest programme against the spread of weapons and material of mass destruction.

Since 2002, priority has been given to helping Russia deal with its vast cold war weapons legacy. The UK's Counter Proliferation Strategy has four

strands. Dissuading, detecting and denying states from seeking. developing and acquir-ing WMD weapons and materials, as well as defending the country from the threats of proliferation of such weapons

The National Audit
Office (NAO) report on the right size for an operationally effective defence estate sounds dull but is vital reading. The MoD estate is valued at more than £20 billion and includes 571 key sites including air-fields, naval bases and barracks, costing over £2.9 billion a year to run both here in the UK and

Part of the estate has already been sold. Between 1998 and 2009, £3.4 billion was generated by sales; Chelsea Barracks in central London sold for almost £1 billion alone.

Finding the right balance of assets, between training estates, key operational land and support facilities which are also fit for purpose and in the right geo-graphical locations is complex, and will be ongoing as the cuts bite into each department.

The 171 pages of the MoD Consolidated Departmental Resource Accounts is not easy reading, but again vital within the cuts agenda. Government departments are on the whole not good at project manage-ment, especially of large

scale long term projects.

The Grey review of 2009 pointed out that this was especially true of MoD defence procurement, though it also pointed at that the UK was on the whole, better at procurement than most NATO allies.

It is easy to forget that the MoD was created in

POEMS, PINTS, AND A POET AT KENFIG

LOCAL people will be joining writer Robert Minhinnick at the Prince of Wales, Kenfig,

Portheawl, on Thursday, October 7 from 7pm-10.30pm for an evening of poems and pints, as part of the Bridgend Love2Walk Festival 2010. Robert Minhinnick said: "Why don't you come

along and explore first hand your local area and its heritage, and even test your own creative writing skills?"

The event has been funded by the Reach Rural Development Programme and Academi, and is free

McCreesh on 01656 815083 or email carly.mccreesh@bridgend.gov.uk. Alternatively,

you can obtain further information on the Love2Walk festival website www.love2walk.co.uk

booking information,

WESTMINSTER **NOTEBOOK**

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive column from Westminster for GEM readers.



1964 by joining together the MoD, the Admiralty, the War Office and the

Change is a constant part of government and one of the changes placed six departments as separate agencies within the MoD; these include Defence Storage and Distributions Defence Vetting, MoD Police and Guarding, Service Children's Education, and the Service Personnel and Veterans Agencies.

Air Ministry.

Four Defence agen-cies operate as trading funds and these include the Met Office (which sells the weather report to the TV companies each day), the UK Hydrographics Office (selling complex naviga tion aids, charts and tidal information around the world) The Defence Support Group (a vital agency for repair, main-

and finally the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (providing independent technology

and scientific advice).
These four trading funds are self-funding and provide income to the MoD. The various arms of the MoD employs more than 196,000 service and 76,400 civilians and has responsibility for a large reserve force.

The Strategic Defence Review is taking up a great deal of time and effort within the world of defence at present. I have a number of meetings on this next week and four papers on this issue are before me. An 81-page report from the Service Complaints Commissioner is there to prepare me for a further meeting next week.

All of the papers I have detailed here are available on the MoD or other departmental web

sites. None are confidential; all are in the public domain. Confidential papers arrive in a different for-

Staffs within MP's offices open all incoming mail so, confidential papers are within multiole envelopes, the final one containing the name of the MP and a warning that the envelope is to be opened by the addressee

Staff are aware that these must be handed unopened to the MP and kept safe until the MP is available to take posses-

In listing all of these papers, I have not men-tioned the briefing papers for committee meetings, details of pre-vious committee reports MoD responses to these reports and the minutes of previous meetings all of which form part of weekly mailings.

I tend to use the train journey to London to work through committee papers. Two and a half hours of being away from staff, phones and emails is vital working and reading time. My apologies if on the train up to London my head is down and the highlighter pen is in constant use.

The GEM holds steady as the big boys falter

CONCERN has been expressed by a top lecturer in journalism, that daily newspapers in Wales are facing a crisis,

with their circulation plunging to critical low levels. In the first six months of this year, the circula-

tion of the Western Mail, the national newspaper of Wales, fell by 10.2 per cent – to 29.567 compared to the same period last year. The Welsh population is about three million).

The paper's sis-

ter paper serving north Wales, the Liverpool-based Daily Post, has seen a decline of -4.5per cent, to 32,414 copies distributed.

(The South Wales Echo's average circulation has also fallen by 10.1per cent to 35,389 over the same comparative period).

James Stewart. a senior lecturer in journalism at the University of Glamorgan, has stated that the figures are "sad and worrying".

Pointing out

that when he worked for the Western Mail in the 1970s-80s, its circulation was around 90,000, he said there were serious implications about the decline over the last 30 years.

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tenance and research) **Operation Judas** targets drug use in the Porthcawl area

A SPECIAL police operation involving neighbourhood police officers, special constables and the police dog section, was held on Saturday (September 11) in Porthcawl.

A spokesman reported that Operation Judas was a high profile, reassur-ance initiative aimed at increasing public confidence and sending out the message that South Wales Police does not tolerate the use and supply of controlled drugs.

Police officers had set up special drugs testing equipment, known as an Itemiser, at one of the town's nightclubs and those who wanted to go in were advised that as a condition of entry they may be subject to a drugs test.

During the evening, almost 100 drug tests were conducted using the Itemiser. Of these the machine detected traces of a variety of controlled drugs, resulting in grounds for a search and two search teams worked throughout the evening and searched around 40 people, which resulted in two arrests for possession of Class B drugs.

Porthcawl Acting leighbourhood Inspector Williams said: David "The operation was welcomed the visitors to the nightclub and many of them commented that the operation should be

done more regularly.
"None of those who were asked to be tested refused and we had total cooperation from every-

one.
"Operation Judas helped to raise the pro-

file of drug use and supply in the town and I hope it has helped to reassure the public that the use and supply of drugs in Porthcawl is not drugs in Porthcawl is tolerated," he added.

LOVE2WALK FESTIVAL

HUNDREDS of walkers will be exploring the countryside around Bridgend during the Love2walk Festival 2010 from October 6-10.

The festival event will be launched at Kenfig Nature Reserve, and has been developed Bridgend County Borough Council's reach rural development team, with 27 guided walks for all ages and abilities.

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Petition against Vale court closure

A 900-strong petition

against the closure of

Vale Magistrates

Court in Barry has

been handed to the

Courts Service by local AM Jane Hutt.

September 10, she presented the petition to

HMCS at Churchill

House Cardiff, along

with her response to the proposal to close

She commented:

"Over 900 people have signed this petition to express their opposi-

tion to these retrograde

with the HMCS to put

the case to them in per

son. My response will

be available on my

website at www.jane-

"I am now meeting

Vale Magistrates

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proposals.

hutt.co.uk.'

On Friday



ABOVE: Jane Hutt at Churchill House with her submission and petition.

Vale MP meets with magistrates

Vale MP Alun Cairns has met magistrates at Barry to help the campaign to save the local court house from closure.

Mr Cairns met the chairman and deputy chairman of the bench to ensure that he is co-ordinating

his efforts with theirs.

He said: "We are sending in objections and want to approve each other's documents . Other organisations and charities are also objecting."

Mr Cairns said that his submission to the

Ministry of Justice would be on his website so that voters in the Vale can see what he has said. It is available on alun@aluncairns.com.



Penarth police to reunite bikes and their owners

POLICE in Penarth are as a result of thefts and we would number of bicycles which owners. have been recovered following a recent arrest.

Constable Richardson of Penarth police said: "We believe that these cycles have been obtained illegally, possibly

seeking the owners of a like to re-unite them with their

Teilo police station.'

- The cycles are:

 Reebok Deviate
- Avalanche 1.0
- "If you recognise any of these cycles or know who may own them, please contact me at Penarth
- Saracen Mantra
- Vulcan Carrera
- Claude Butler Alpina
- Apollo Slammer (Orange)
- Alpina (Black)

PC Richardson can be contacted at Penarth police station on

fun with the tasks which acted as a

"This year saw a massive intake into

year-12, with students from all the

'Keep

BARRY were urged to sign a petition opposing development at White Gibbonsdown councillors Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson took to King Square last weekend.

Coun Curtis, a found-ing member of the White Farm anti-development campaign, said: "We have had wonderful sup-port from the citizens of Barry to keep this vital area as green open space.

Local residents are deeply concerned about the flood risk that further development of the Coldbrook catchment could have.

"As the local councillors for Gibbonsdown. we are determined to do our best to keep as much of the green lung for the benefit of future genera-tions. Please help us keep White Farm Green!"

Coun Margaret Wilkinson added: "The White Farm planning application is not due to go before the planning committee until October at the earliest, so local people still have an opportunity to express their opposition by signing our petition.

For copies of the petition, telephone 01446 736287.

School welcomes 'massive' intake



BARRY Comprehensive School study, coaching and team-building welcomed new and returning activities. The whole year group had pupils to school last week.

The new year-7 pupils began their great ice-breaker. first day with a special assembly "This year saw a before finding their way to their class-year-12, with stu-

room and meeting their teachers.
Meanwhile, the new year-12 students spent their first day on an induction their studies at Barry tion programme that included drama, Comprehensive," a spokesperson said.

HONDA

LEFT: Year-12 induction team building activities - blindfolded students trusted their peers to guide them through the obstacles.

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An unusual piece of food art!

World's first giant cauliflower sheep to be born in Wales!

ONE of the most unusual works of food art ever seen in the UK will be the centrepiece in Bridgend of Wales' alternative food festival, on October 1-2 – a giant 10-foot sheep made from cauliflower!

"As one of the first alternative food festivals in the UK, the emphasis is on fun with food and doing something out of the ordinary, quirky and totally unique. To our knowledge, this is the first place anywhere in the world where a 10foot high cauliflower sheep has been created over two days," said

event organiser Barry King.

flower sheep has soared,

even before the work of

art has been created.

Facebook campaign

gathering pace to name

the sheep, with many tongue-in-cheek names

after celebrities appear-

ing all over the internet.

A spokeswoman stat-

ed: "Feastival, supported

by the Welsh Assembly,

Bridgend town centre

food lovers the finest

over two days and offer

local produce, as well as

keeping the whole fami-

ly entertained with food

and cookery demonstra-

"The sheep is not the

only food art on show at

the event, there will also

throughout the day on

from Malaysian-born

intricate melon carving

food sculptor David Loh

who recently appeared

on Britain's Got Talent.

be demonstrations

tions.

will take place in

There is even a

Sponsoring the creation of the sheep is Haverfordwest-based Puffin Produce Ltd, who recently launched its own brand, Blas Y Tir ('Taste of the Land') to bring genuine Welsh produce to shoppers in the region through Asda. Blas Y Tir cauliflower is the latest addition to the

range.
"I think the sheep reflects the 'food fun' theme of Feastival really well," said Puffin's general manager Huw Thomas. "It's a fresh approach designed to inspire visitors – and especially kids – to get more creative with veg.

"Other alternative attractions at the event Interest in the cauliinclude leek lobbing and egg dropping, alongside the more usual food cin-THAI NIGHT IN BRIDGEND ema, urban allotment,

THE Bridgend Recreation Centre will be the scene of an evening with a strong Thai flavour on October 2.

A 'Thai Night' with authentic Thai food, Thai dancing, and a disco later, will start at 6.30pm, and goes on until 11pm.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Thai Support Group funds.

To book tickets (£20), contact Pim Morgan on 01656 773157 ot 07943 975634, or e-mail pimmor gan@yahoo.com



Pictured above left to right are: Barry College engineering lecturer Darren Lawler, Robert Critchley and course tutor Geoff Shaw.

Bright spark Robert in national final

A FORMER Barry as an apprentice, and College student has beaten off rivals from across the UK and won a place in the final of a prestigious electrical installation competition.

Robert Critchley, a 3-year-old from Cardiff, scooped the place in the Electrical Contractors' ssociation's Edmunson electrical annual 'Apprentice of the Year' awards.

Robert performed outstandingly in the theory test and practical installation competition, receiving a cheque for £500 and an electrical ontractors' test toolkit. He came to Barry

College four years ago

has now completed his City and Guilds and work-based training.

"Robert had to score 95 per cent or higher in the trade tests and his achievement is just astounding," Barry College engineering lec turer Darren Lawler said.

He added: "Credit is due to course tutor Geoff Shaw, who has been instrumental in making the electrical courses the success that they are."

Robert now works for commercial and residen tial building services provider G Oakley and Sons, and most recently managed a restaurant refurbishment project in southern England.

LEEKES CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CHARITY

Ryder, the teddy bear is raising funds for the NSPCC

award-winning retailer, has introduced a limited edition teddy bear into its stores, in a bid to raise funds for the NSPCC.

The Leekes teddy bear, called Ryder, has been brought in to demonstrate the retailers commitment to support-ing the NSPCC as its nominated charity. More than 450 of the

bears have arrived onto the shelves of Leekes stores, with the proceeds from the total sales of the bear being donated to the NSPCC Building Brighter Futures' appeal at end of December. appeal at the

Ryder is the first in a series of collectable Leekes bears and the retailer is asking children from local junior schools to enter their 'Design a Leekes Teddy Bear' competition. The schools will be invited to submit their own designs for the second bear, with the winning entry being commis-sioned this time next year, just in time for Christmas.

Leekes commercial director, Emma Leeke, said: "The NSPCC has been our nominated charity since 2008 and we're always looking for ways to support



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them. The idea of introducing a series of collectable teddy bears is a way of committing to raise funds for the NSPCC across a longer term.

Last year a number of staff ran the London Marathon in aid of the charity; this year we'll all be buying the bears and giving them as

Christmas gifts!" Nerys Sales, NSPCC corporate fundraising manager for south Wales said: "Money raised from the sale of Ryder the teddy bear will ensure that the NSPCC is able to continue to provide help and support to children and young people in Wales to overcome the negative effects of

The Leekes Ryder

teddy bear is available to buy for just £10 at your local Leekes home store and online at leekes.co.uk. For a 'Design a Leekes Teddy Bear' entry form, please contact Charlotte Shaw at the e-mail address cshaw@leekes.co.uk.

Bro Radio's charity party BRO RADIO is hold-

ing a 'Party on the Square' for Macmillan Cancer support on Saturday, September 25 from 2pm-7pm in Kings Square, Barry.

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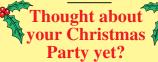
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FAMILIES BRAVE THE RAI AT AUTUMN FAYRE IN PAR

cil-run Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmenyn, Bridgend, recently held a successful autumn fayre.

Despite the wet weather, families took part in fun-filled activi-ties to celebrate the start of the season and there was plenty to keep the crowds entertained. They could buy local produce and hand-made items from the food and craft stalls and enjoy live music by Overheated Pilots.

The children were also kept occupied with the popular duck race, bouncy castle and face

painting.
Ranger Dan Lock
reported: "The weather was disappointing, but people still came and enjoyed the day. Alchemy Entertainments were

also on hand to get the children involved in a magical dragon procession around the park which they thoroughly enjoyed."

Maesteg house

blaze -plea SOUTH Police are appealing for information following a fire at a on Heol house Maesteg, Dyfed. shortly before 2am

on September 8. A police spokesman said: "The cause of the fire is being treated as suspicious.

The property suffered extensive damage and the two residents were taken to the Princess of Hospital, Bridgend, suffering from smoke inhalation and minor injuries.

"An investigation has been launched and we are appealing for anyone Hall, Nottage. who may have seen anyone acting in a suspicious manner in the area at the time to contact us."

Anyone with any information, should contact Detective Sergeant Stephen Gardner at Bridgend CID on 01656 Sergeant 518. Crimestoppers free on





treat in store!

NOTTAGE WI NEWS



Imogen Tuck makes her choice for the duck race.

Evidence yet to be called in case against the police

EVIDENCE has yet ken to him and he has County Court in which the Vale South Wales Dolling closure concerning the **'Flying** Vet' suing the South Wales Police.

Let a suing the South Williams QC, has begun putting forward as begun Maurice Kirk, is tions.

If the case goes ahead, it is scheduled to last 10

was feeling unwell.

Judge Anthony SeysLlewellyn said: "He is in the passenger seat of a car outside the building. The court clerk has spo-

look forward to getting

be on October 13 at All

Victoria Avenue, at 2pm

when all friends will be

made very welcome. Mrs Anwen Williams

will be telling us more stories about her life in

films and theatre which

Saints Church Hall,

Our next meeting will

to know them.

to be called in the case at Cardiff

deny Mr Kirk's allega-

legal arguments and

existed against him, dating back to 1993.

On one day this week, Mr Kirk was unable to attend court because he was feeling unwell

sil health. He later matter of whether the matter of whether the case is "achievable" had yet to be considered.

AJ SICLUNA

He said he had made 40 crown court appear-ances, but had continually been refused details of the court log.
On a number of occa-

it is scheduled to last 10 points as to whether such sions, in the county court weeks, with costs of up to £800,000.

Mr Kirk, 65, who lives in Barry and Brittany, is alleging that a conspiracy leaves the such such as allowed to the such as the such with the later and the such with the later. The judge said that the existed against him. data said be wished to with the such with the later and the such with the later and the such with the such with

WI group find an Aladdin's cave of artistic delights!

NEWTON PORTHCAWL WI BRANCH NEWS

AT the September meeting following the August break, members agreed that our trip to Abergavenny and Celtic Manor was a

great success. We visited St Mary's Priory Church in Abergavenny, where next door in the Tythe Barn was a beautiful tapestry 24 ft by 6ft worked

in coloured wools. The original picture are always very amusing was designed by Susan and entertaining.

Martin and was worked
FREDA RODGER on by 60 stitchers, under

the supervision of Sarah

Windrum.

The WI Show in North Cornelly was very well attended with an Aladdin's Cave of beau-tiful craft, art and culinary gems, which seem to improve every year. A big 'well done' to all those people who contributed!

Our luncheon club this month was at 12.30pm on September 15 at the Star in Treoes. On September 22, we will be visiting Catwg WI for the harvest sup-

On October 9, there will be a council meeting in Barry Memorial Hall (11am-3pm). November 11-12, there will be an Old Tyme Music Hall at the Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot.

After the agenda was completed, we were entertained with a very interesting talk on the Bayeux Tapestry accompanied by slides Tapestry, a very in-depth piece of pictorial history brought to us by Sally.

atbrefresh-After atbrefreshments, the meeting was concluded with a hearty rendering of the Welsh National Anthem.

Anyone interested in joining our very lively W.I can contact W.I can contact Rosemary on 01656 783772, or Judy on 01656 785477.

BETTY METCALFE

Charity fayre A fundraising autumn fayre for The Children's Society, will be held in the Paget Rooms, at Penarth, on Saturday, October 2, 10am-

There will be the usual stalls - cakes/pres e r v e s / p l a n t s , bulbs/books/parcels and Christmas gifts, plus cards; admission 50p.

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residents are warned

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LOCAL residents are being warned account details to these account details to process the promised payment - which of course it are never it and the payment - which of pay

They tell residents that

THE monthly

Thursday

meeting of Nottage WI was held on

September 2, in the

In the absence of the

Mrs Lesley Davies took

After the formal busi-

ness had been dealt with, Mr Alan Underhill

gave a very interesting talk on the history of

president, Mrs Ann Vipond, vice-president

the meeting and wel-

comed members after

summer break

Unitarian Church

tax Deputy Leader
Councillor David Sage.
"This is clearly a scam

department stores. Mrs

Mary Tashara won the raffle.

On September 13.

cheese and wine evening held by Sker WI, which included a

fashion show promoted by Bon Marche.

Nottage WI is on Thursday October 7, at 7pm in the Unitarian Church Hall, Nottage,

with a harvest supper,

followed by entertain-

ment. Anyone wishing to join us is very wel-

ANN VIPOND

The next meeting of

five members enjoyed a

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Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild news Ladyoaks Guild and

I BELIEVE all our members and visitors really enjoyed this month's meeting - we had a variety of entertainments for our harvest tea, and welcomed new members to the fold.

On August 11, we held our coffee morning at the Atlantic Hotel and raised £200. which was donated to the Mayor's Fund.

Some of our members enjoyed a day out at Llandaff flower festival in August and we were able to make a donation of £100 to the church

organ fund.

We are now twinned with Mansfield

Phoenix exceed expectations

the National 10-aside tournament at Llandovery, and exceeded their expectations, pick- this match, one a particuing up wins over Division One West Waunarlwydd, and an uncompromising Blackwood team in Phoenix against their the senior women's competition.

The experience of current Welsh Cup holders, and eventual tournament winners, Neath in the semi-final proved too much of a hurdle, though the team gave their all throughout, and can look back on the day as a most invaluable experience.
There were good per-

formances from wings Sam Humphrey and Jo Poupon, who looked dan-gerous with ball in hand throughout, and the combative Natalie O'Shea and Amy Stevens, who es. tackled their hearts out, often against bigger

opponents.
At under-18, their first

The inexperience of

competition.
The under-18 team will now look to play friendlies for the first half of the season, probably at 10-a-side.

Interested under-18 players (over-15/under-18 at September 1, 2010), should contact team manager Michele Halse on 07709 073912.

No experience neces sarv, as sessions will be taken by qualified coach-

Phoenix open their senior women's development league programme

Andrew RT Davies AM Welsh Conservative Assembly Member for South Wales Central



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Riders' enjoy racing success



Charlotte Prichard (aged 14) of the Pentyrch Hunt Pony Club in action on her pony Peateaoh.

CHARLOTTE event on her five-year-PRICHARD (14) old chestnut mare and Connor Flint Peateaoh, while Connor, Races last Sunday.

Pony Club, and younger sister of up-and-coming amateur rider David a National Hunt jockey. Prichard, won the first BRIAN LEI

(15) won the first Charles Owen pony Club, took the second on races ever to be his prolific Stambrook staged at Ffos Las Marquessa, a winner of more than 40 races.

Charlotte, a member Connor is a cousin of the Pentyrch Hunt Kenfig Hill's Rhys Flint, who is making a name

PENCOED RFC 15-10 in the final.
Phoenix took part in Phoenix took them all the

way, going down 24-17.
Outstanding for
Phoenix was 15-year-old
Robyn Wilkins, who scored a brace of tries in larly classy effort show-ing a deft change of pace, to outwit the Neath cover from 50 metres out.

next opponents, Haverfordwest, was to be their undoing, ending their involvment in the



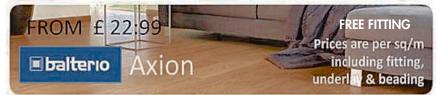
Ex-Allied staff start their own flooring company











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By PHILIP IRWIN

There was a sense of satisfaction from working for an established name in the market place, and it stayed that way until the future for the carpet giant's Bridgend operation was looking a little shaky. So out of necessity, Chris and eight colleagues decided to set up on their own.It was a chance to use their expertise, and also a chance to bring

The result was '2012 flooring' - which aims to retain all the good practice and add a series of extras.



Chris told The GEM: "Quality service and meeting our customers' needs is at the heart of the business.

"Customers will be able to check out our website, decide on the product that interests them, and we will call round with a range of samples.

The team will be covering the Vale and Bridgend county borough. In fact, the company can handle enquiries from Carmarthen across to Newport!

The company has knowledge and experience of all types of flooring, from carpets to wood, and from vinyl to laminates, and when the customer has made a decision, Chris is confident that their service will

be a huge plus factor.

He said; "We will be offering free estimates, free delivery, and will uplift your old carpet. What is more, we will move any furniture that needs to be moved – and fit the cupboards."

Not surprisingly, Chris feels that his company will be a real boon to

He and his colleagues have been testing and refining the system over the last nine months, so they are confident that they are launching a service that has been tried and tested.

And finally, who chose the name and why? Chris said: "Both my son and my brother were born on December 20, so 2012 fits very well."

Of course, all that publicity relating to a certain London Olympics could have a spin-off here and there!

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BOOK EARLY TO GET THE BEST VENUE FOR THE COMPANY'S

LTHOUGH mid-September seems rather early to be making preparations for Christmas, it isn't if you want to ensure the best venue for

Vale hotels and restaurants have a good reputation for hosting parties in the festive season, and if companies are not quick off the mark, they can either miss out on their first choice or even struggle

tion for the numbers they want catered for. One prime reason for

booking now is that cer-tain days in the week tend to be more popular than others. Friday and Saturday evenings tend to go first because peo-ple want to have a lie-in

the day after a late night. So now is the time to spend a few moments in your office or on the shop floor canvassing people as to the sort of venue they would prefer
– a top hotel? a pub restaurant? a specialist restaurant? – and to nail down the numbers that

will be attending. For many offices and businesses, the Christmas party is the

colleagues can get together, let their hair down and socialise together so some early planning can avoid a last

Another reason to book early is that some people want a Christmas party at a hotel, so they can have a drink and stay the night there. That avoids the danger of people being tempted to drink drive, or having to book late night taxis. People should also be aware that they might still be 'over the limit' the following morning, and might still have to

minute 'make-do' venue.

order a taxi.
In January, as many employees reflect on the festive season, one

perennial topic is how the Christmas party went, and whether the venue lived up to expec-

tations.

Try and get staff to remember what they thought about a previous year's festivities and what was popular (or

With most companies encountering some 'doom and gloom' in the economic downturn, it is more important than ever to have something for staff to look forward to and 'lighten' what can be an otherwise stressful

time of year. So don't delay, find out the preferred options and keep this week's GEM for menus, venues, prices and ideas.

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"It would be great "It would be great put on an extra spean ea. display of lights cial

of October 28, we are hosting 'The Halloween Bash' at Cubanas Bar and

Street Grill on High Street.

"Our aim is to double

the amount of Christmas lights we have, so funds

of people could come in fancy dress, but it is

Christmas lights this year.

Sharon George of the local traders told The GEM: "On the evening and a buffet supplied by Challenge of the courtesy of Bro Radio GEM: "On the evening and a buffet supplied by Challenge of the courtesy of Bro Radio GEM: "On the evening and a buffet supplied by Challenge of the courtesy of Bro Radio GEM: "On the evening and a buffet supplied by the courtesy of Bro Radio GEM: "On the courtesy of Bro Radio G Chaplin's.
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prizes donated by local businesses. "Tickets are now available from

"We want to put on a truly spec- ation, or Sharon at MJM Computers

tacular display of Christmas lights. The council makes a contribution, "We hope that people will then but we need a little more to make the buy raffle tickets at the event to win festive season in High Street that prizes donated by local businesses.

For more information, please con-MJM Computers, Tony's Cafe, tact Anthony Hopkins of Vic Hopkins, Cubanas, Chaplin's and Nova's. chairman of the local traders' associ-

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Dressing for the company party

GEM, we have to start Christmas planning earlier than most with the publication of our first Christmas party guide for 2010!

Scanning through this week's pages, readers will notice quite a few advertisers making reference to their festive plans too!

In fact, you can bet your life savings that at any time now, in your daily paper's women's pages, one of the style

gurus will pronounce on what to wear for this year's party season.

Sometimes it's all sparkles or spangles. Sometimes it's ruffs and frills.

Whatever the style, it will obviously have to be in the 'hot' colour.

It might be this year's 'in dress' as worn by Victoria Beckham or Cheryl

It might even be that weird thing that Carole Vorderman keeps being pictured in. (The one

that makes your eyes go out of focus!)

There is one difference this season, of course, and that is the advent of Christina Hendricks from Mad Men as a sex symbol.

It has been sold as a chance for 'real' women to look sexy.

However, there is a touch of 'out of the frying pan...' about this, because for the average woman, the no waist, but curves everywhere else' look is no more achievable than the stick insect!

the same agony of indecision when it comes to choosing an outfit, believe it or not!

At least not for the company party. We do

stating the obvious, but men don't experience a bit of agonising when meeting someone for meeting someone for the first time - wondering about making the right impression.

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Now, this may be Party safely in 2010!

probably the wife that appears active period of the harmless, particularly that you could still be harmless, particularly that you could still be liaueur chocolates, over the drink-drive year. Gatherings with liqueur friends, family, clients and colleagues can start from any-thing up to two beforemonths before tempted to ruin it by advance by asking for Christmas Day – and risking the odd drink the morning off or it seems to be getting earlier each year! while visiting locally arranging a lift from a and then hopping in the non-drinker – or invest months

plays a big part in this journey home

HRISTMAS is convivial season; but probably the don't get caught out by risk. which can be quite potent!

For the vast majority, Christmas is a fami- ly if it was a late night. ly occasion, so don't be Very often, alcohol car for that five-minute

limit the morning following your alcohol consumption, especial-

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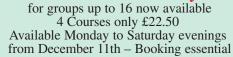
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From a man's view

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PENARTH BURGLARIES:

Local police issue appeal to public

POLICE are investigating two house burglaries at Marine Parade, Penarth, on Saturday, August 21.

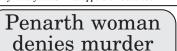
Between 3pm-4pm, an intruder gained access to a house and removed a handbag. Between 2pm-6pm, access was gained to a garage and a sat-nav' system was taken from the car at another house.

Detective Constable Craig Alexander of Barry CID said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed anything suspicious in the area of Marine Parade during the afternoon of Saturday, August 21.

"In a separate incident, we would also like to identify a suspicious person who is thought to have entered another house on the same street the same afternoon.

"He is described as a white male, five feet eight inches tall with very short, cropped, mousey colour hair. He is of medium build and spoke with a Cardiff accent. He was wearing a pair of eans, a red top and an earring."

Police have issued a CCTV image. Anyone who recognises him, or who has any information about the burglaries is asked to contact DC Craig Alexander at Barry CID on 01446 731606 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



A PENARTH woman has denied murdering her 11-year-old son and has been remanded to Caswell Clinic in Bridgend for further tests.

Yvonne Freaney appeared in Cardiff Crown

Yvonne Freaney appeared in Caloni Crown Court in a case management hearing. Her son Glen was autistic. His body was found at the Sky Plaza Hotel, at Cardiff Airport, in May. The case has been adjourned until November 8.

Restoration inspires local dragon hunt!



ABOVE: Wall painting expert Jane Rutherfoord at work on the restoration.

LLANCARFAN church is marking Wales' 'Church Open Day' with a special event this Saturday

(September 18).

The Llancarfan-based vners of Dragon Rescue are sponsoring a 'Dragon Draw-In' for Vale youngsters at St. Cadoc's Church,

lancarfan. GEM readers will be ware that remarkable nedieval wall-paintings mong them the legend of George and The Dragon, have been disovered on St. Cadoc's incient walls.

These pictures were whitewashed out during the Reformation, but Heritage Lottery Fund and Cadw funding will now drive forward conservation work. This will take place throughout

October and November.
As yet, all that can be seen of Llancarfan's dragon is a spiky snout and a roving eye. So before much more is (hopefully) revealed this autumn, Dragon Rescue s encouraging youngsters to draw what they think the hidden dragon will be like, when it is finally released to terrorise the Vale!

Emma Levey, an award-winning Bristolbased illustrator, and once a pupil at Llancarfan Primary School, will lead the draw-ins, in the church. at 11am, 2pm, and 3.30pm. on September 18. Sessions can be prebooked on 01446 781383.

Family visitors will have the chance to chat with volunteers, and discover more about the church treasures, its emerging paintings, its remarkable medieval carvings – and its fund-raising initiatives.

A spokesman for the organisers said: "The Dragon Rescue team have been knights in shining armour for hun-dreds of vehicle break-

downs.
"However, as educational sponsors, they can now encourage Vale youngsters to rescue Llancarfan's oldest drag-on itself, at least in their imaginations!" IF



Thursday, September 16th, 2010

ABOVE: A CCTV image of the person police would like to identify.

Juniors join with adults in competition



ABOVE: Longest driver Katie Spence.

AS part of a nationwide competition, Cottrell organised the annual adult/ junior competition Sunday, August 29, on the Macintosh Course.

There was a good mix of partners, with two girls playing, some father and sons, and some senior players supporting juniors from Cottrell.

The first placed team, who will go forward to the next round, were Gavin Magner (junion captain) and Alect captain) and Aled Williams on 43 stable-ford points. In second were Will and Terry Hoggett on 39 points, and third were num Williams and Rob Hale

The longest drive went to junior Katie Spence, out doing all the men there! The nearest to the pin went to Aled

Williams.
The competition also has a fun award, with the best dressed pair, which went to father and son and McAndrew !! Cottrell Park junior

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Duplass brothers' comedy shows some real heart along with the laughs

DESPITE his seri-marketing bods have got ups lends itself superbly, ous acting reputation, John C Reilly has been more than willing to give his laughs with reality and funny bone a good ending up as being a exercise in recent highly enjoyable piece of vears.

Having been directed by the likes of Martin Scorsese, Robert Altman and P T Anderson, Reilly's recent films have heads been of a more comedic bent. Having shown a wonderful sense of comic timing in 2006's Talladega Nights, Reilly has since toplined Walk Hard and Step Brothers, films low-key. while his latest film. Cyrus, sees him return to the comedic well once

Reilly plays John, a divorcee who meets Molly (Marisa Tomei) at a party and their relationship starts to blossom. However, when Molly's appears on the scene. John suddenly finds that affections'

That the film is more than just a collection of Mark, who were figureof the early were made on low budgets, using improvisation instead of scripted dia-logue and making the

It is an attitude they apply and one that by and large works very well, the improvisation and rooting in reality of the characters and their situations feeling unforced and naturalistic.

Certainly, the characters suffer from a lack of son Cyrus (Jonah Hill) development and background, but it is the lack John suddenly mins may not be quite so comes through, the accepting of their relationship. With the battle lines drawn, with John on one side and Cyrus on the comedic set-pieces that who will win out in detract from the realistic that much brighter once of forced comedy that ers as the film moves on. the battle for Molly's edge the brothers are after.

believe that the film was scripting – minimal fuss, turing his sadsack per-a Judd Apatow-esque no bells and whistles, just sonality to great effect. squarely at the comedic reality, and their use of as good, caught up in the refreshingly different. solar plexus; sadly, the hand cameras and close- middle of the warring

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erate and thoughtful visuals accentuate. Its piece of work, balancing roots in real world ideology means that while the jokes are more natural, the dramatic moments similarly work

brothers draw The jokes is down to the strong turns from the Duplass brothers, Jay and three main cast members, strong turns from the Jonah Hill standing out superbly with his turn as noughtie's mumblecore the son who wants to movement, where films make sure his mother's burgeoning relationship with John doesn't get off

the ground.

Hill has made his factions and shows the name in broad comedies such as Superbad, and while his turns in these may peg him as being a one-note performer, here he shows hitherto unseen match for Reilly and Hill. levels of drama.

easy for Hill to overplay dled but instead he underplays it, revealing Cyrus' lay- to-be, caps a strong cast.

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Reilly is hardly on for-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH **JAMIESON**

struggle of trying to move on without alienating her son well.

match for Reilly and Hill, evels of drama. her turn is just as good as It would have been Reilly's, while well-haneasy for Hill to overplay dled support from the part and try to emphasise the comedy element, John's ex-wife, and Matt

The film's basis reality makes it a pleasing watch, though some moving camera angles and shots, and the 'independent' air that hangs over proceedings. to be somewhat divert If you've seen the Their attitude to directing the ration of the rational form of the rationa attempt to make a film

> While the set-up and execution are hardly oftused, the brothers' approach to the film and their stylistic, or lack of, touches make this far more than just your run-of-the-mill comedy.

While it shares a simi-lar love for the heart that has become the exclusive proclivity of Judd Apatow's work, *Cyrus* shows that if the Duplass brothers want, they can be just as influential with their work. Given, though, that their previous films have dealt with subject matter like buying a chair from eBay like a character's father once had and a film about making a horror film, where the villain is a mar with a bag over his head, their next outing may well be more wilfully obscure.

However, their skill here means their next move may be far higher profile than they've come to expect, and Cyrus is the reason for

that.

VERDICT: A first mainstream outing for Mark and Jay Duplass, and a huge success, Cyrus is a wonderful film that balances laughter with pathos and creates a

strong piece of work.

With superb performances across the cast, this may well be the film that the Duplass' can use as their calling card Recommended.

AIR CADETS JOIN BATTI **OF BRITAIN PARADE**



RECENTLY, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron were proudly on parade at the Memorial Hall cenotaph, to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

The Cadets formed an honour guard at the memorial and were joined by members of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA), former military person-nel, Alun Cairns MP and the public. The service was conducted by the RAFA branch chairman, Geoff Horton

Miss Emma Lehman played the last post, which was then followed by a two-minute

Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph on behalf of RAFA by Flight Lieutenant David Crandon (branch president) and by Mr John Hobbs, president of the Royal British Legion branch.

Flight Lieutenant Crandon commented: "The Air Cadets did themselves proud today, representing the Royal Air Force on this occa-sion and are a shining example of the youth in our community." The Air Cadets also

undertake many activities outside of ceremonial parades, including

flying, gliding, adventure training, shooting, sport, field craft, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, expeditions and visits to RAF Stations around the United Kingdom.

The Cadets are looking forward to their forthcoming trip to the battlefields and memorials of Ypres (Belgium) and the Somme (France).

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ABOVE: A young Cadet studies the wreaths.

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Close,

Macmillan Fundraising manager, Sue Pickin, joins Principality staff at their Mad Hatter Tea Party to raise a cup for the charity.

NEWS/IN BRIEF

Ancient history

RHOOSE and District History Society will meet at Rhoose Hall, ing will be free to those
on who have already joined Community Stewart Road, Friday, September 24 at **7.30pm.**Curator of Pontypridd

Museum, Mr Brian Davies, will give a talk on 'Glamorgan a

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The Gathering Place, September 20, 7.30pm. DINAS POWYS

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trated with slides show

ing examples of how

people lived long ago in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Entrance to the meet

TEA and cakes and crafts will be available in St Hilary Village Hall from 3pm-5pm or Sunday, September 19.

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Valeways walks

ON September 19, 2pm St Hilary the Roman Way. Starts at St Hilary Church, St Hilary.
On September 26 a

PLYMOUTH PACT Transport walk starting at Porthkerry Park, Barry, café car Centre,

Dinas Powys jumble sale

ST PETER'S Women's Fellowship are holding a jumble sale at St Peter's Church Hall, Mill Road, Dinas Powys on Saturday, September 25 at 2pm.

As well as a wide range of nearly new clothes, books, toys and interesting bric-a-brac, refreshments (including homemade cakes) will he available!

All proceeds from this jumble sale will go towards the purchase of a new carpet for the church hall.

The leader of the Women's Fellowship, Beattie French, told The GEM, "Our church hall is used nearly every day by St Peter's pre-school playgroup; and in the evenings by the

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, the Trefoil Guild, the Women's Fellowship, the Welsh Society and for many other parish and community activities.

"It is also available for children's parties. The existing carpet has served St Peter's Church well for many years but is now becoming worn and difficult to keep clean.
"The members of the

Women's Fellowship, which is open to all, decided that they would like to raise money to replace it."

If you have any jumble, (no electrics!) please bring it to the church hall on the evening of Friday, September 24, or on the Saturday morning at 9

papers on maths, com-

puting and astronomy,

and has written several

books including Codes

"Everyone is wel-

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and Ciphers.

The enigma of

THE Flat Holm Society welcomes **Professor** Churchouse to give a talk on the fascinating subject of the Enigma Machine, ciphers

and codes. It will take place at the Norwegian Church, Cardiff Bay on Thursday, September 23 at 7.30pm. (Entrance £2, members £1).

"Professor Churchouse worked at GCHQ with those who had been working on the Enigma and other cipher machines at Bletchley Park during the war," a spokesperson said.

"A leading mathematician, he has pub-

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Ambulance is launching its own CD, thanks to musicians from across Wales.

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Nashville singer and songwriter Beth Nielson Chapman, a big fan of Wales, also appears on the album with her song 'Durrow'; recorded at Stiwdio Sain with renowned harpist Gwenan Gibbard

Artists' support flood-ed in, and recording stu-dio Sain came on board to help produce the album. Chief executive Dafydd Roberts said: "This has been an exciting project from start to finish, and for a very worthy Welsh cause.

"There is nothing like it out there that solely encompasses Wales,



with both Welsh- and English-language songs from Welsh artists. This is a very special compi-

All proceeds from the album, titled On Air, will be donated to Wales Air Ambulance to help keep the helicopters flying. The charity needs to raise more than £5 million every year to operate the service.

Gathering Place for fun

THE Gathering Place in St Athan hosts a fun day

People can bring a picnic and take part in activ

ities, including fun with the Pulse team, a bouncy

castle, a gladiator duel, football and refreshments.

on Saturday, September 18, from 12pm-4pm.

Sponsored charity walk

THE Barry committee of Cancer Research UK Cymru has organised a sponsored walk on Sunday, October 3.

It will start from the Cardiff barrage car park, Penarth at 11am and then continue around Cardiff Bay.

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ABOVE: Left to right: Ralph Anslow, Ruth Birch, Pat and Tony Capron are pictured at the cheque presentation.

Long-serving Porthcawl Lions stalwarts honoured

THERE were two main events at the most recent meeting of Porthcawl Lions Club.

First, the Lions showed their support for the work of the Royal British Legion by presenting a cheque for £300 to the organisation.

The cheque was presented by the Lions president, Ralph Anslow, to Ruth Burch, the president of the Porthcawl branch of the legion

tation - of two '30 years long service' medals - made by Ralph Anslow and Larry Pearce, a vice-district gover-

The recipients were stalwart members Don Tickner and Les Higgins.
Pat Capron, a volunteer

case worker for the Porthcawl branch of the Royal British Legion, was invited to give a short talk on her work.

Pat, whose son is a serving

member of the armed forces wanted to give something back and joined the legion when she retired from a managerial post in a supportive profession.

Pat has general responsibility for the Royal British Legion support for former members of armed forces and their families where and when needed.

Pat's husband Tony, is the treasurer of the Porthcawl branch of the Royal British

PHOTOS by KEITH E **MORGAN**

LEFT: Ralph Anslow, the president of Porthcawl Lions Club, and Larry Pearce, vice district governor, with longserving members Don Tickner and Les Higgins.



Caspar needs a special home

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

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tle dog.
"He has come on a lot since being at the centre and he's building up a lot more trust with the staff. His new owners will need to be pre-pared to give him time to settle in his new home and work with his



handling issues. Type of home needed:

He needs an experi-enced owner and is not suitable with children. He gets on well with other dogs and can live with a female dog.

Anyone interested in adopting Casper will need to make a few visits to the centre to allow him time to get to know and trust them.

Lions' call to support cancer fund

Lions Club invites ty," added Lions presi-all readers of The dent Ralph Anslow. John Street,

Porthcawl. "Entrance is free, doors open at 10am and close when everyone has had enough coffee," Lion Wilkinson.

"There will be a massive book sale, also a sive book sale, also a bric-a-brac stall, plus, of course, a large Porthcawl Lions Club raffle," commented Lion Gloria Ward.

"This is a most thing worthwhile charity and is.... worthwhile charity and Porthcawl Lions will be course. there in numbers to ensure that those actively support local, attending enjoy their national and internavisit and (hopefully) we tional charities and will raise a considerable appeals.

PORTHCAWL amount for the chari-

GEM to join them are moving their large at their Macmillan book sale to the Rest coffee morning on Hotel for the weeken Friday, September of October 23/24, from 24, at the YMCA, 10am; admission is free.

The Lions are supporting the Breast Cancer Care Cymru Pink Friday at the Atlantic Hotel on October 29. Tickets are available from Lion Club members (or telephone Carole on 01656 788921, Sonia on 01656 772374, or David on 01 656 772598).

Those attending are asked to wear somethat is.....PINK.....of

MOD'S POIGNAN' SUNSET CEREMONY REMEMBERS FEW



ABOVE: Wing Commander Jones and Mrs Jones with Rev Dr Harvey and Mrs Harvey.

ON Thursday September 9, the Commanding Officer MoD St Athan, Commodore Anthony King RN, and joint Services Officers hosted their annual reception to thank the community for the support that they have shown the military throughout the year.

This year, they were joined by guests from across a wide area, including the High Sheriffs of South and Mid Glamorgan, Mrs Anne Campbell and Anne Campbell and Miss Beverly Humphreys, Vale MP Alun Cairns, the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Colin Osborne and Leader of the Vale Council, Coun

Gordon Kemp. Senior staff from the The GEM were also among the guests.

The reception was held by the RAF to coincide with the anniversary of the Battle of Britain and with 2010 being the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, the emphasis was indeed on air power of the past.

Even though MoD St Athan is now a fully integrated tri-Service unit, the tradition of holding the event in September has always remained, but this year

was special.
Commanding Officer, No 4 School of Technical Training and Senior RAF Officer (at St Athan), Wing Commander Lyndon Jones said: "The Royal Air Force has a long history here at St Athan and many of the Spitfire pilots who took part in the Battle of Britain were trained in south Wales at Llandow.

"To be able to comnemorate this anniversary is as important today as it was at the end of the battle in 1940 To quote the Prime Minister of the day: 'Never was so much owed by so many to so few'. By marking this event, we can ensure that the memories of the

RAF pilots and their



ABOVE: Parade Commander, Flt Lt Bryony Robinson and members of No 4 SofTT.

teams to whom we owe

so much live on."
The evening concluded with the officers escorting their guests to the front of the Mess, where they assembled on the steps to watch a Sunset Ceremony.

As the flag was low-ered, two aircraft flew towards the setting sun. As they approached the Mess, one banked left, the other right, and for a second there was a glint of sunlight on the underside of the aircraft.

On the ground a ceremonial march past of Royal Air Force trainees from No 4 School of Technical Training, led by parade commander. Flight Lieutenant Bryony Robinson, took place and the salute was taken by the overall Commanding Officer, Commodore King. The RAF St Athan

Voluntary Band provided the musical accompaniment which made the ceremony complete.

Wing Commander Lyndon Jones, said: "It was a lovely evening

Pictured above are: Mr Doug Weidner, Chief Operating Officer of Metrix, Miss Beverley Humphreys, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan and Colonel Geoff Wright.

and well attended. Following with the Royal Air Force traditions on these occasions, it was rewarding to see the trainees undertake their ceremonial duties with such pride.

The brief appearance of the aircraft was a poignant and visual reminder of the size and speed of the Spitfires of the past, and on this occasion they were flown by St Athan-based

pilots, Officer Commanding the University of Wales Air Squadron, Squadron Leader Phil Atkinson. and Chief Flying Instructor, Flight Lieutenant Lee Gasson

For Squadron Leader Atkinson, the moment was one to savour as he has been allocated a future posting and will be leaving St Athan at the end of this year.

Communicate with the villagers'

expressed by villagers in Nancy Davidge's Treoes Community News column, at permission given by the community council for use of the village children's playing field as a temporary car park and camp site for visitors to a local pub beer festival.

great disappointment to a number of villagers.

Now we hear to the chapel graveyard for access to neighbour-ing land to permit its tial use, the old tennis concerns?

I WRITE with reference to the concern over freedom of use of future, eg expansion of this facility and was a the graveyard, village allotments etc.

> Can the village counrumour the village coun- cil please communicate cil are considering sell- to the villagers on these ing village land adjacent - and any similar proposals - before it is too late for villagers to have development for residen- an input regarding their

court land that is impor- Mr Jones, Treoes

Kenfig Hill seconds overcome Tonmawr's physical approach

Congratulations to the seconds, who overcame a physical Tonmawr XV under the lights at Tonmawr.
From the first whistle,

the Mules looked to move the ball along their nove the ball along then exciting back line and a try was soon scored by No 8 Dai Quinn, who was on hand to sprint over following a devastating break by centre

Raymond Evans.

The try was converted by Ray, who followed this up with two wellstruck penalties.

Tonmawr before half-time with a before half-time with a penalty try awarded by the referee for a Mules scrummaging offence during Tonmawr's only foray in the Mules 22 at the end of a pulsating the end of a pulsating first half

Two further tries followed after the break, one by exciting wing prospect Lewis Morgan and, with the last move of the game, a well- line. Kelvin was rightly deserved try to fly-half delighted and received Owen Davies.

The Mules forwards must be congratulated for fronting up to a bigger and more experienced Tonmawr pack and for the second game in a row, it was captain and hooker Alun Brace who gave an inspirational man of the match performance.

ers deserve a mention, players who stood out were forwards Matthew Bater, Lloyd Smith and flanker Craig Williams, who probably gave his best ever performance in a Mules shirt.

Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth v

Despite two serious party and the serious Datyon Jones capus injuries early in the tained his side to a 2-0 game, the young Mules half-time lead. Mark stuck to the task and Underhill opened the scored tries through scoring by stepping his Connor O'Connell, who way through the heart of crossed the line twice, a soli with Jonathan Steggles defence. and Dave Richards scor-

ing a try apiece.

Dan Heatley put over two conversions and a penalty, with Tom Davies

standing game, while Chris Leyshon and Morgan Griffiths made telling contributions.

Under-7s v Porthcawl CAPTAIN Ethan Jones led by example, run-

However, the youngest lently, Codi tagging very and Liam Evans.

Mules finished the last few minutes strongly, passing with great skill.

Thomas Llewellyn strong was unlucky not to record a score after great and Luke Tozer that just of the sorted and a big by the referee and a big Mules welcome goes to ly matched but it was the Jack Newbury-Wall for by John, Calvin Gorringe and Luke Tozer that just of the sorted and a big by the referee and a big Mules welcome goes to ly matched but it was the Jack Newbury-Wall for both of the sorted and th



Action from the Firsts game against Pencoed, as (above) Rhodri Clark makes a break, and (below) Steve Gillard touches down.

Leading the defence was Adam Johnson, who was unafraid to challenge his bigger opponents.

Equally brave were Tyler Bowden and Thomas Knapp. Tag of the day came from Kelvin Mills, after a chase lasting half the length of the field ended only a metre from the try line. Kelvin was rightly line. Kelvin was rightly. rapturous applause from both sets of supporters.

There were some lovely runs from new girl Carys Orchard, matched by darting runs from more experienced (six-year-olds!) Ethan Denley-Ansen, Joshua Urch and Elis Bentley.

Chantel Rees and nan or the match per-mance.
Daniel Evans completed
Although all 20 plays deserve a mention, quickly learning their

Under-8s v Porthcawl

KENFIG HILL under-8s then took to the field, determined to show the hosts that the second encounter would be more evenly matched than the first.

Taibach
THIS was an excellent win by a young Youth side by 30 – 20.
Desnite time. Evenly matched it cer-

four tries to three.

Dafydd Jones cap solid Porthcawl

The second try followed a sensational switch move straight from the training ground. George Buckley charged to the right with most of penalty, with Toni Pan-adding a penalty.

The whole team played well with Callum Willmott having an out-while Davies to jog into the left

brilliance so wrong-footed the opposition, even their mums Jayne and Emma would a specific sp scored!

The second half was a ning hard all game.
Porthcawl were most-ly under-8 players, so the under-7 sell some way and Cai Williams. The short on the scoreboard.



Pictures by PETER GILLING

support play and a sprint seemed to give the Mules down the touchline, while Max Griffiths had

An equally impressive attack. work-rate, plus one espework-late, plus one especially evasive run, meant were Jack Rundle, Ben Ewan Orchard's game Evans and Cameron was right up there with the best of the day. Regular try-scorer Oliver Pinches collected Refugliar try-scorer Jack Rundle, Ben Evans and Cameron Trahar.

Kenfig Hill's third score. Joshua Jones spied the smallest of holes in the defence to rampage his way over for the winning

Kenfig Hill under-9s v **Porthcawl**

ALTHOUGH officially the first game of the season for the Mules, confidence was running high after the previous week's 3-2 win at Bridgend Sports.

This thrilling encounter saw the Mules securing a 3-2 away win.

Powerful running by to the fore from this play. hys Perry, Harry Liam Evans spread the Rhys Perry, Harry Liam Evans spread the Cooper, Cameron Trahar ball wide for Ryan Haney and Tom Watkins fully tested the home team's defence and set up an excellent platform for speedsters Jack Rundle,

ing attacks.

Once again, it was another magnificent another magnificent ting in some excellent tackling display by the tackles.

Mules, led from the front Ryan Haney ran in for by captain of the day Dylan Pearson, and fully backed up by defensive supremos Oliver Roberts

the edge in this facet of play.

Tireless running by

a lovely little run and pass, as well as collecting a wonderful tag.

Tireless running by Rhys Davies continually harassed and frustrated a wonderful tag.

Building up a good
sweat after their hard
work were Ewan Davis,
Conor Jenkins, Callum an impressive performHill and Alex Underhill.

Porthcawl

THE Kenfig Hill under-13s secured a hard fought win against a was a great success with son of Brian and fought win against a determined Porthcawl team.

The first try came from talisman Josh Dixon who went over in the corner after a strong run from Sam Comely. Scrum-half Connor Tantum then spread it wide for flying winger Ryan Haney's first try. Porthcawl were con-

stantly placed under pressure in the rucks with Ethan Jenkins, Nathan Herbert and Ollie Knapp

to score his second and Cameron Rees also powered over to give a half-time score of 0-20.

Porthcawl came back hard in the second period but the Mules stuck to the task, with Lewis Rees and Steffan Moody put-

Ryan Haney ran in for his hat-rick for a final score of 25-0.

Connor Tantum was voted man of the match by the referee and a big Mules welcome goes to Jack Newbury-Wall for

BRYNCETHIN JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

Brace of tries is enough to ensure under-12s' victory

Bryncethin Gilfach Goch

A closely fought match saw Bryncethin spend the majority of the match in the opposition half. Gilfach did a good job of keeping Bryn at bay but were unable to stop Morgan Lake crossing for a try that was converted by Ieuan Davies for a 7-0 half time lead.

A few good breaks from Gilfach in the second half came to nothing and Christian Jones scored a second try for Bryncethin, this time with Liam Morgan converting.

Match day squad: Casey Sonnekus (captain), mach day squad. Casey somewas (capiam), Aaron McIntyre, Adam John, Christian Jones, Connor Ford, Henry Clark, leuan Davies, Jack Ladler, Jacob Walters, Leon Sylvester, Liam Morgan, Morgan Howells, Morgan Lake, Nicholas Morgan, Sam Harding and William Blake

Man of the Match: Casey Sonnekus.

Under-11s

THE under-11s welcomed both the Valley Ravens and Garw Valley for a pair of fixtures, and Bryncethin won both their matches, 15-5 against the

Ravens and 25–0 against Garw Valley.

Two good games saw the sides embracing the new pathway laws introduced this season at the

As usual, the game from Bryncethin was a team effort with all players working hard for their team

Some outstanding individual displays from Emyr Watkins, Iwan Veasey, Emyr Hunnam, Aaron Jones and Rvan Blake to name a few, while the newer members of the team Jake Canton and Thomas Brown got better as the game progressed.

Will Pitt and Ryan Morgan made ground and were strong in retaining the ball during tackles, while Gethyn Napper and Ryan Lovell came in with ome good cover tackles.

Another new player, Sam Shakeshaft, also mproved as the day went on, showing good tackling and pace.

Dafydd Evans came on and played through injury which was a measure of this team's dedication to each other

Man of the day: Thomas Brown

COMMUNITY NEWS ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

DID you Follow the Art Sunday, September 12

there is in the locality! The auction in the evening at the church hall was great fun. A big thank you to all who worked so hard to make this enterprise such a

success.
THE local produce market takes place on saturday, September 18, at 10am at the church hall, St Brides

COMPUTER Major, together with tea and chat.

STARTING back - art class at the church hall on the second and third Fridays at 1pm from Friday, September 17. NIT 'n' Natter at Bronv-Graig (next to the

church hall, St Brides Major) starts on September 21. Further information from Patsy Hartnell on Maior) starts on

01656 880387. A YOGA class is starting at the church hall, Brides Major

between 7pm-8.30pm. For further information, contact salimalliyo ga@qmail.com or call GO'S gae quantition of car. | 22. 7 07404 749465. | 22. 7 THE baptism took 7193 place at St Bridget's on tion.

lots of different crafts Daphne Anderson, of St on show. What talent Brides Major.

THERE is a harvest concert by Bridgend Male Voice Choir at St Bridget's Church on September 24 at 7pm. Tickets £7.50.

ORPA meet at Watermill on September 16 for a bar

LESSONS

ATLANTIC College is hosting a free comput-er club for the over-60s on Wednesday after-noons, from 2pm-3.30pm.

It is run by Vivian Beck, who explained: "We started the comput-er club last year with seven older people and seven students from the college.

"Most of the older people were complete beginners and it was lovely to see their confidence grow.'

The computer club resume will resume on Wednesday, September 22. Telephone 029 2052 7193 for more informaGilfach Goch

Under-10s

A MIXTURE of under-10s and under-9s welcomed

Gilfach for a closely contested game.

The Bryncethin youngsters made a slow start to

proceedings, which resulted in two scores for the visitors to take a 12 –0 half time lead.

The second half began with Bryncethin finding their rhythm and the pressure paid off when Daniel

Osarigie scored a try.
Gilfach responded shortly after to stretch the lead again, but more good work saw Ethan Hopkins score a try that he converted himself to close the gap

Despite more efforts, the Bryncethin players were

unable to get the crucial score to level matters.

Congratulations to Kane Walters, Dylan Hill,
Billy Sinclair and Kathryn Pritchard for the first

game of contact rugby.

Match day squad: Rhys Davies (captain), Aaron Mulch day squad. Tays Davis (capatin), and Thomas, Billy Sinclair, Morgan Stevens, Finlay Mullens, Kathryn Pritchard, Jack Thomas, Kane Walters, Luke Board, Tobias Hunt, Daniel Osarigie,

Dylan Hill, Ethan Hopkins and Josh Napper.

Player of the match: Kathryn Pritchard – excellent attitude throughout.

Bryncethin	10
Garw Valley	4

Under-8s

IT was the first home game of the season and we

could not have asked for better conditions.

With the game underway Bryncethin opened the scoring with some good passing and some great run-

By the end of the first period Bryncethin were

The second period continued as the first finished with more tries coming but as time went on, a young Garw side started coming back into it with some good scores of their own.

At the end of the period the score was a close 7–3.

With the third period under way, the more experienced Bryncethin side took control with some great tagging and direct running and ended the match

10–4 winners. Try scorers: Rhys Cawley 3, Miles Blakeman 2, Ifan Hunnam 2, Will Laverick, Shaun Batchler.

Man of the match: Morgan Thomas for his great tagging and superb running.

Team: Ifan Hunnam (capt), Thomas Basset, Shaun Batchler, Miles Blakeman, Rhys Cawley, Mike Gillette, Will Laverick, Hollie Morgan, Kallem Podmore Thomas Basset and Jake Whitefield

Close call as teams fight to the finish

15-a-side fixture Athletic side.

Right from the start, Porthcawl's formidable pack (clearly bulking up on the same diet as coach Andrew Richards)
gained the upper hand against the smaller, but very combative. Athletic eight.

Several strong drives by Joe Williams, Leon Evans and Brad Griffiths gave Porthcawl excellent field position, allowing scrum half Tom Cogbill to release his pacy back line. Wave after wave of ticular, Brad Clarke and rewarded with a score. In Ioan Bluck came very the end they were glad to close to breaking the hear the final whistle.

deadlock.
As the half progressed,

A set move from the formance.

PORTHCAWL resulting tap penalty saw under-12s travelled the ball fed to flanker the short distance to

Jack Palmer who was
unstoppable from five Newbridge Fields metres out. Joe Williams for their opening converted from close range. With half time fast against a Bridgend approaching, the large contingent of Porthcawl supporters expected the

flood gates to open. The second half began very much as the first had finished with Porthcawl dominating possession. A combination of solid Athletic defence, and a stream of penalties awarded against them thwarted Porthcawl's efforts to turn their overall superi-

ority into points.
Only fine tackling by
James Thomas, Kyle James Harrington and a thun-derous hit by captain Joe thwarted by desperate thickness were the Athletic defence. In particular, Brad Clarke and Ioan Bluck came with a second rewarded re

Final score: Athletic - Porthcawl 7.

of the match for mis-incredible work rate and all round destructive per-formance. AC

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC ROUND-UP

Tough for Seconds against strong Wanderers outfit

Athletic Seconds, with several regulars missing and with call ups to the first team, to take on a strong Wanderers

development side. However, it was the Athletic who dominated the first quarter,

Athletic Youth Rags

league game of the

season against a

tough Nantymoel

side, who travelled

to be reversed.

first

their

had

time lead.

The second half mir-

rored the first, with the Athletic pressurising the Wanderers, with Jon Nation and Rob Davies being stopped short of the line. The Wanderers took their opportunities, with further tries by wings Rees Ivans and Ian Newbury, with scrumhalf Scott Gregory

scoring in injury time. Although well beatWRU Seconds team league GLAMORGAN WANDERERS BRIDGEND ATHLETIC

en, this was a deter-mined, albeit disjointed effort, by the Athletic due to many Athletic due to many players playing out of position. Despite good individual Athletic performances, Glamorgan Wanderers

ners 43-6.

The Athletic Seconds face strong opposition again next Saturday, when Cross Keys visit Newbridge Fields.

Youth's pace is too much

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC

BRIDGEND **Athletic Youth** travelled to Blackwood for a friendly and were

The initial 20 minutes

use their very large forwards, backed up with a good kicking game against the counter attacking of the Athletic, who found themselves

They responded to the call when first of all they took the lead with a penalty by Corey Butler, and followed up with a scorching try created by some great running from Johnathan Phillips, and finished off by flanker

Captain Sean Derrick then picked up from a scrum on his own 10yard line and made 30 vards before the recycled ball was whipped away to centre Phillips who this time dummied the full-back to score

now well in the driving line before linking with Corey Butler, who went

try. He duly converted, as Butler unfortunately injured himself in the move and had to leave the field for the rest of

the game. The fourth try came

for Blackwood

YOUTH BLACKWOOD YOUTH

expecting a tough encounter against the strong Gwent club.

were a close affair, with Blackwood inclined to restricted by the narrow pitch.

Blackwood took the lead after 10 minutes with a penalty for off-side, but fly-half Corey Butler equalised for a similar offence shortly afterwards. Up until this point, the Athletic had made too many simple handling errors and were told to up their game.

Curtis Williams. Butler converted.

under the posts. Butler converted.

The Athletic were

seat and put the game out of reach when full-back Mike Powell ran the ball back from the corner on his own try on a great run before handing on to John Phillips for his second

see off Aberavon PENCOED SECONDS ABERAVON HARLEQUINS SECONDS

A BIG abrasive Aberavon Quins pack looked to nullify Pencoed seconds' free-flowing approach from the outset.

However, the Pencoed forwards, including veterans Dai Clarke, Terry Cross, Alun Halse, and Phil Pinches, provided enough possession for their pacey backs to cross for four tries.

Aaron Songhurst scored a brace, and Owain Shakespeare and Glen Hiscocks grabbed one each. Hiscocks

added the four conversions, plus two penalty goals, for a match haul

Pencoed Seconds

of 19 points. The side, well-led by young back row forward Rhys Samuel, got their league campaign off to a good start, and will look to build on this season opener when they entertain Wick at home this Saturday (September 18).

Players old and new are most welcome to supplement the second team numbers. Contact Dai Clark on 07967 164171.

Saturday, September 18, the First XV are

away at Seven Sisters, 2.30pm kick-off. The youth XV host Llantwit Major in a friendly match, 2,30pm kick-off, while on Sunday, September 19. Pencoed RFC Phoenix open their senior women's development league programme au home to Caernarfon. 2.30pm kick-off.

Test for Tondu under-11s against Taibach

back and bringing the sunshine with him, Tondu under-11s made their way to Taibach, a new fixture for this year.

Ben Merchant won the toss and Tondu started the game. The opening exchanges were a little hit and miss, as both teams had to moderate their enthusiasm for the game under the new

The referee was very fair and continued to advise the players when they should not go in, or get out. Tondu definitely showed their intent with strong running from Garryn Thomas and Jordan Morgan to name but two.

The game more ordered and both teams began to marshal the numbers at the breakdown more and more. If not for a try-saving tack-le by Morgan David, Tondu would have found themselves trailing after

the opening quarter. Even so, eventually Taibach were able to cross the whitewash from a close range drive, the extras duly added.

Tondu tried hard to come back but were

WITH their captain unable to cross the and by 14 points, as Taibach managed a second try and conversion before the whistle. The second half saw

no changes to the Tondu team, as no subs were available. Playing down the slope in this period. Tondu continued to take the ball into Taibach territory, with strong run-ning from Shannon Price and James Mayne in the forwards, and the more graceful Jamie Richards, Josh Evans and Michael Batters for the backs.

A good move from the set piece saw Ben Merchant make a huge pass out to the right wing, where Eleri Knight was first to react. Unfortunately, the pass wasn't completed and Tondu had to start again.

breakthrough eventually came from James Mayne, who took the ball inside his own half and with strength James Mayne. crossed the halfway line

Taibach line and went Taibach defended desinto the interval trailing perately and from the subsequent penalty, the ball was taken by James to score, Josh Evans provided the conversion.

Tondu continued to

apply pressure with a very good chase from the kick, forcing the error which provided another set piece close to the 22 Taibach were able to clear their lines and soon got the upper hand again, scoring the final points of the game with a converted try

Full time: Taibach 21

A scoreline that did not justify the efforts of Tondu in attack, nor their close range defence.

Squad: Ben Merchant

(captain), Josh Evans, Jamie Richards, Morgan, Michael Batters, Morgan David, Michael Knight, Eleri Ioan Garryn Thomas,Thomas, Iwan Knight, Shannon Price JK

Scorpions to hold new players trial

SOUTH Wales Scorpions will be holding open trials again to boost their squad for the 2011 Co-operative Championship One season.

The Scorpions, who play their home matches at The Gnoll in Neath, had an outstanding first season in professional rugby league, scoring 102 tries and 602 points and qualifying for the end of season play-offs in sixth position

The trial will be on Sunday, December 5 at a time and venue to be decided but players are advised to get their applications in as early as possible to avoid disappointment, as over 100 players applied for a place in this year's

squad. Scorpions coach Anthony Seibold said: "We have had a fantastic season and we are now looking for more

Welsh born and bred, and Welsh-based, players to play professional rugby league for us in 2011

"We had 24 Welshborn-and-bred players in our squad in 2010 and 15 of them took part in our last open trial in January. These included players like Steve Parry, who scored 19 tries this year, made the Wales squad and is up for the Championship One Young Player of the Year award, and Neil Dallimore who, at 29 years old, had no previous rugby league experience, but was a regular in the side and made the Championship One Team of the Month side in May."

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Ladies start new season in style

BRIDGEND ladies hockey started the 2010/2011 season in style.

On Saturday, a mix team of first, second and third XI played a start of the season friendly against Rhondda Ladies, earning a 9-0 win.

The game was fast flowing, with Bridgend using good hockey skills to utilise both sides of the pitch. With the forwards and backs keeping the game tight, goals came from Catrin Brooking (five), Sarah

Hughes (three) and Lucy Jones. Sunday saw a mixed side of first and seconds playing in the Glamorgan Ladies eight-a-side competition, against Barry, Rhondda, Llan/Llan, Penarth, Cardiff Athletic, and Whitchurch Saints.

The day was a mixed one, with a win, a draw and four losses - goals coming from Amy Paice and Holly Walker.

The first league games of season start on October 2, with all three teams competing. We are looking for new players of all ages to come along and join the

Training is on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm-9pm at Pencoed Comprehensive School. Anyone interested, should come along or visit bridgendhc.co.uk for more information.

Jones, with Jones firing a when they did try to run who was in his return long miss-pass in mid-the ball back they were game after coming back

by Lee Simms.

Following a penalty
by outside-half Dai

Lakin, the Wanderers got into their stride, rattling up tries by Scott Gregory, Joe Sullivan and Josh Hughes, all converted by Lakin giving the Wanderers a 24-6 half-

RAGS PLAY 15-MAN GAME – EVEN WHEN THEY WERE DOWN TO 13!

down and sprinted the Evans. length of the field for a Nar superb individual score. The conversion attempt to Newbridge Fields from the touchline was after the fixture had to be reversed.

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The Athletic were and without warning, no dealt a huge blow when influential blind-side ed by the referee.

Athletic now dug deep " worked tirelessly in The Rags had a mix-ture of youth and experi-ence in their ranks, with many of last year's under-16s featuring in a rence of a knee injury. This forced the Ath to team which also comprised several players in their last year of youth reshuffle their pack, moving the abrasive winger Alex Borley into rugby. The Athletic were forced to play young back rowers Aaron

back rowers Aaron Mordecai and Ashley Adams in the front row. The young duo were well supported throughout by colossal Aled their backs, elected to keep the ball in hand and declined to enter a kick-Led from the front by No 8 Alex Evans, the Athletic set out their ing duel that seemed to intentions early on when against a stiff breeze, pacey full-back Ryan Jones started a counter favour the Nantymoel team. This proved fruit-ful for the Athletic and their flair and pace paid dividends when No 8 attack from his own 22 Evans broke from his own half, before finding the supporting left which saw him beat defender after defender on a jinking run, taking the supporting left winger Dan Howells on

play up to the Nantymoel
10-metre line.

He provided Alex
Evans with a well-timed
pass and Evans was able hand to take play up to the opposition 22.

The diminutive Howells took a massive hit from two covering to use his strength to hand the winger off before crossing in the corner. Scott Jones' con-Nantymoel defenders but managed to keep the ball in field. The ball was worked to second row Mark Smith to crash over version from the touchline struck the uprights, bouncing the wrong side of the crossbar leaving in the corner. Smith's delight was clear for all to see as he registered his the Athletic 5-0 to the first score for the youth

good.
Strong runs by the front five forwards, Aled Thomas, Alex Starritt, Mark Smith, Ashley Adams and Aaron Mordecai, kept the Nantymoel defence busy have the defence busy the strong the strong the strong the strong the strong the strong runs and strong runs st side. A lovely break by Scott Jones from quick ruck ball saw him release inside centre Chris Walker. He drew in two of the Nantymoel backs before releasing co-centre Rhys Thomas, who coasted in unopposed under the posts. Jones but ill discipline then plagued the Athletic for the next 20 minutes allowing Nantymoel to converted.

allowing Nantymoel to kick three penalties, one a monster 50-metre effort from the halfway line, to go into a 9-5 lead. Following a scrum on the Athletic 22, the ball was moved quickly through half-backs Luke field to Rhys Thomas. met with a wall of from Thomas sold a superb Athletic defenders, led ture. dummy, put his head from the front by No 8

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 'RAGS' NANTYMOEL YOUTH

Nantymoel tried to scramble the ball back was illegally but it claimed by second row Starritt and, totally against the run of play

defence to repel wave after wave of attackers. Open side flanker Lloyd Wilson started to come moving Alex Borley into the front row where he acquitted himself well.

Half-time scores teal the ball during a Nantymoel attack. He was on the covering the cove Nantymoel 9.
From the restart the Athletic, with the wind at their backs, elected to learn the ball in bord on the ball out of the

tackle to supporting cen-tre Chris Walker, who crossed wide out before running in behind the posts to ground a welltaken try. Scott Jones again converted to give the Ath Youth a 34-9

For the remaining five minutes, Nantymoel did their utmost to cross the Athletic line but were kept out by a series of try-saving tackles, none more prominent than the effort made by young Ashley Adams who smashed the Nantymoel outside-half, injuring his own shoulder in the

process The Ath youth fin-ished with 13 players but their determination to prevent the away team from breaching their try-line was something to behold, and they each put their bodies on the line in order to keep Nantymoel from scoring

a five-pointer. Final score: Ath Rags 34 Nantymoel 9.

The game was played with plenty of pace and in the usual Athletic Athletic kept up the expansive style which all tempo and continued to bodes well for the commove the ball. A well-ing season. Credit must taken box kick from go to Aaron Mordecai scrum-half Hollyman and Ashley Adams for was not taken by the stepping up in the from the control of the state o from a serious arm frac-

JOHN DOHERTY

after some powerful carrying from Andrew Waite set up a position for the backs to move the ball to flying wing Luke Morgan, who sailed over and crossed under the posts for another fine effort, converted by Phillips.

The final try came when Sean Derrick took a quick tap from five yards out and powered over for a well-deserved score (converted by

Phillips).
Blackwood made desperate efforts to get a try of their own, but the typically mean Athletic defence refused to yield and were well led in this department by hooker Lee Murphy and out-standing flanker Sam Treharne.

The Athletic travel to Pembroke next week for a friendly before they start their Ospreys League programme against Bonymaen the following week. The Athletic can still look forward to another strong year and can only be pleased with a haul of 165 points from the first three games.

PHIL REES

Police rue their failure to use speedy backs



ABOVE: Winger Lee Roderick was a constant threat for the Police.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GARETH DAVIES.

THE Police welcomed Rhigos to Waterton Cross, hoping to continue the good start to the season.

Both teams looked to keep the ball tight, with the visitors' bigger set of forwards coming out on top earlier on. However, James Elston, Karl Davies and Vernon Davies and vernon Deladla, a youth player making his senior debut, put in solid performances to hold their own in the front row battle.

The first points came from the Police via the boot of full back Craig Davies. He also added a second, while the visitors replied with two penalties. The Police still kept the ball tight against the bigger pack and will wonder whether some of the decisions they made may have

SOUTH WALES POLICE RFC



Police full back Craig Davies makes a break

cost them victory. However, a try eventually came for the Police when last sea-son's youth captain, Lee Roderick, went on a great individual solo run

Two wins for the Pencoed under-14s

PENCOED under- match to play another

The first game against Caerleon was slow to to Pencoed. Start off, but Pencoed The man kicked up a gear in the second half with two

match of the day was Lewis Brennan, Jack against Tal y Waun, and Briggs, Aled Bargery and the boys carried on the Callum Sparkes. momentum from the first

rencuel under14s first round
robin of the season
ended with a blast
as the team travelled to Caerleon
RFC on Sunday and
came home with two
wins.

match to play another
successful game. New
boy, Callum Sparks,
scored his first try
against the new rivals,
and Lewis Brennan,
Chris Cooper and
Worgan Jefferies ran in a
try each, with another
conversion from scrumhalf Chris Cooper to make the final score 22-0

Bargery for stepping up a

second half with two back rows taking their first try of the year. Both Daniel Maiden and Johnathan Clatworthy scored, with Chris Cooper converting one of them.

This very physical game ended 12-0 to Pencoed.
Pencoed's second Clatworthy, Jamie Dyer, match of the day was Lewis Brennan, Jack

The man of the match was awarded to Aled

along the touchline to force his way over in the corner. No 8 James Davies, along with Davies, along with brother Jason Davies (flanker), carried the ball well and always looked dangerous with ball in hand, and was solid in defence

The Police tried to increase their lead but wrong options again meant it wasn't to be. Rhigos were now trying to force their way into the Police 22 and looked dangerous, and after being camped in the corner they went over for a deserved try to level the

The remainder of the match provided end to end rugby, with the Police finally letting the ball go out to their young backs, who always looked danger-ous with ball in hand. However, both sides defended well and the game was to end in a

This week, the Police travel to Cefn Cribwr, which promises to be

another stern test.

Prominent for the Police were strong running Calum Rogers, Chris Price and wing his senior league debut.



ABOVE: The Police youth team in action in a recent game against Dursley in Gloucestershire. Outside half Jacob Miles makes a break in a game that the Police won by 57 - 5.

Police youth team learn lessons SOUTH Wales Briton Ferry in the new solid in defence and they some of the decisions by in the corner for a wellPolice Youth XV Ospreys League and were dangerous with the referee were very confusing to the players. Final score: Briton By League And Several By League Briton Ferry in the new solid in defence and they some of the decisions by in the corner for a wellconfusing to the players. Final score: Briton

injuries before this in defence. players out of positions, and with only one replacement.

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in the backs in their Burton into space.
usual position, but the The home side put the

Half-backs Ieuan Davies and fixture and found However, both sides Robinson looked to run a 30-point lead. The themselves playing came close to getting the the ball on every occawork rate of the Police The Police were playing row of Will Thomas, with tremendous. At one come South Gower to with only three players Tyler Williams and Dan stage, due to injuries, Waterton Cross, where

usual position, but the centre partnership of first points on the board home side to run in one Scott Bryant (captain) with two well-taken converted try and a and Jordan Jones (both penalties and then ran in penalty. In reply, wing back row players) were a few tries. However, Jack Evans crossed over BS

Ieuan By half-time, the Huw home side had rattled up they were playing with 13 and only allowed the

Ferry 40, SW Police 5.

Next week, Police Youth XV take a break

Young Crusaders take the spoils in close game

CRUSADERS CHANGED Bridgend Athletic club's under 18 season has panned out converted himself. ond win of their short eight-game of the game was the finishing of wing Rhys Lloyd, who added a four-try season, with a 36-32 victory

the week before. Saturday.

It was their final game of the year after being promoted up to Super League level following The Ath side held the advantage behind the scrum in the opening half, with Daniel James dominant behind the fortwo successful winter seasons in the Gillette National Youth League, wards, and Elliot Olds providing good ball for Lloyd to score a hat trick. where they won the competition in 2008-09 Stuart Floyd-Ellis added to the try count, as well and reached the play-offs this year after win-ning 13 of their 18 matches. as converting two tries.

Despite wholesale changes to the team, Ath Saturday's win over pressure allowed Lloyd the French was a fast-paced game with the visto add to the score early in the second period, before Ponty hit back with a penalty try.

for a drop goal to put them 5-4 in front. It did look like the

French players had got

the bit between their

Further changes and good handling by Jak After some good work on the right hand Robbins and Elis Mordecai gave wing side, it was Rhys Lloyd that scored the Crusaders' first try to Ryan Durham the chance to increase the lead, with level things at 4-4.

Joan Guach then went

Robbins converting.

The forward battle ebbed and flowed all game and it was the home side who added to their tally late on to give the score more respectability.

A big well done to Owen Sage, playing at scrum-half for the first time in the second half, and to Nathan Gibbs for Lloyd Roderick, making his much improved his senior league debut.

head of academy, Andy Lindley, is delighted at how the CATALAN DRAGONS 3

raced clear to score and Guach converted, but converting. Crusaders made a few changes and Dale Evans tired as the game went went over with only into the last 20 minutes to 14-17 at the interval. Crusaders started best

in the second half with Crusaders were still a some good fast plays of point up. the ball that allowed Wales under-23 squad second of the game, with *Thomas*, 15 Dale Evans, member Chris Davies to Webber converting to 16 Mike Griffiths, 20 score an easy try. make the score 32-25, Sebastian Vidal.

Webber's kick put them but a converted try from

in front. after watching his side clinch their sec-left in the half, Madini the gap for his second of the game with Webber Both teams looked

Catalans Dragons three minutes remaining and Catalans lifted their in Beddau on to bring the score back game, playing some good rugby and scored two quick tries, although

Davies crossed for his

Guach restored the bal-ance, before the hooker scored his second drop goal to level things. It was looking like a

draw until the last attack of the game where Luke Rhodri Lloyd found John went over in the gap for his second of corner to give the Welsh youngsters a dramatic and hard worked win.

Crusaders: 1 Alex

Crusaders: 1 Alex Webber, 2 Dan Godwin, 3 James Griffiths, 4 Rhys Fenton, 5 Luke John, 6 Dafydd Carter, 7 Rhodri Lloyd, 8 Chris Davies, 9 Kyle Blackmore, 10 Matthew McGovern, 11 Rhys Watkins, 12 Matthew Crane, 13 Jack Pring. Subs: 14 Owain

Victory at the death for spirited Tondu under-10s

Tondu under-10s played their first away fixture at Taibach

Taibach showed their attacking intent from the first whistle, making inroads into Tondu territory with stern forward play and swift back moves.

Tondu were chasing shadows and

Slowly, Tondu crept back into the game with some direct running which saw Nathan Harris burst through to

touchdown for an equalising score.

Taibach, however, were back on the attack almost immediately and it was teeth as they scored again through Richard Mekkaoul with Gouch converting, making the

This seemed to wake Tondu up and they soon clawed their way back into

the game.

RFC on a pleasant autumnal the game.

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First, Callum Vause bustled over from close range for an unconverted from close range for an unconverted score, then Ellis Harris showed blistering pace to rip the Taibach defence to shreds to make it 21-19 to the home

In an exciting finish, Tondu played soon a Taibach try arrived, making it 7one of the data of the da Ciaran Edwards bashing his way through some desperate Taibach tackling to score a converted try to finish

the scoring at 21-26 to Tondu.

Well done to both sides for providing an entertaining game played in a good spirit.

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Amelia Trust's harvest festival weekend brings the crowds to a favourite charity

THE Amelia Trust Farm is established as one of the Vale's favourite charities, and this was proved by the number of visitors that came to its recent open weekend to celebrate its harvest festival.

Volunteers were selling fresh farm produce, and there were, of course, plenty of fun things for the children to do!

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VALE ATHLETES DO THEIR BIT – BUT IT'S NORTH WALES WHO TAKE THE SPOILS!

12th Welsh Inter Regional Track & Field Championships • Cardiff International Sports Stadium

Report by PETER MORRIS Photographs by IAN DIXON

mer - the 12th Inter Regional championships will have left the Cardiff International Sports Stadium, this year's venue, with a variety of emo-

For those who competed for south Wales at the 2009 event at a very wet Swansea University track, there will have been disappointment that, after surprisingly winning the overall points title for the first time in 11 attempts in the backyard of their biggest rivals, west Wales, there was no second consecutive

The west Wales team, guided by Dr Hedydd Davies, were simply better organised, and fielded more athletes in this two athletes per individual event competition and were well worth their clean sweep of all three trophies – men's points, women's

points and overall points.

It is true that the south Wales under-20 team, and, to a lesser extent the east Wales team, were affected by an unusual clash of fixtures.

The Cardiff AAC under-20 team, which also

included under-17 athletes, was involved in a National Junior League Midland promotion match at Derby, with the result that a number of top young-sters, plus their team manager, Mrs Debbie Bull,

were competing there rather than in Cardiff.

Although Barry Road resident Mrs Bull selected the under-20 men's team, she was missed from her usual team manager role at the inter-regional.

To win at this event, you have to field a good number of senior athletes (over 20) – easy to say, more difficult to achieve.

The two Vale 'seniors' who set new championship bests on the day certainly had differing emotions.

Both Brett Morse, the former Stanwell and St Cyres pupil, who is now the UK No 1 discus thrower, and Lianne Clarke, who showed real promise with the javelin as a pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive, had competed at the McCain's UK Challenge final at Leckwith on the previous day.

Morse had won with a throw of 60.62 metres, not far off his season's best, and Welsh record, of 63.35 metres, while Clarke set a season's best of 51.11 metres with the 600 gram javelin to finish second, a performance which will have heartened her and her

At the inter-regional, understandably, they were below their Saturday best. Morse, a consistent record-breaker at this competition in recent years, added nearly two metres to his 2009 best with a throw of 56.41 metres while Clarke produced a 47.37 metres effort to add nearly a metre to her own

championship mark, set in 2004.

While both athletes can take pride in those achievements, Morse can continue to train hard as he prepares for his first Commonwealth Games, in Delhi in October while Clarke has missed out for a second successive Games and must now turn her thoughts and training towards Glasgow in 2014.

There were five other Vale athletes who claimed wins in the maroon and white colours of south Wales

Barry Comprehensive sixth former Curtis Mathews must be a joy for any team manager. His combined events background means that he is a a potential quality performer in half a dozen events. Here, he did duty in the 100m, high jump, long jump, shot and discus, claiming top three spots in albut the high jump, and winning the discus with a, by his own standards, modest distance of 37.86 metres.

While Brett Morse and Lianne Clarke are estab-lished performers, there are high hopes for Mathews in the years ahead

There were no Vale winners in the under-17 men's section, but Llantwit year-10 Lucy Taylor made the most of the occasion to win the women's long jump with an encouraging best of 4.92 metres.

In the under-15 section, the Stanwell duo of sprinter Tom Williams and thrower Matteo Holmes

have impressed throughout the summer, and the year-9 pair continued their success at the inter-

regional.

Williams claimed a sprint double, and ran a leg for the victorious South 4 x100 squad but was beaten by old rival Lloyd Robbins (North) in the long jump, while Holmes claimed a discus/hammer double with distances which may have disappointed in the hammer, but given pleasure in the javelin.

It was a delight to see three more Vale javelin throwers competing. Simon Bull surprised himself with victory in the senior men's age group with Fearghas Gough (Stanwell) taking second in the under-20s and tough-as-teak Scott Hewins (Llantwit) finishing third at under-17.

Two Couberdes ages 8 pupils competing for the with victory in the senior men's age group with Johnson); HJ: 2 Annabel Curle (South Wales) 1.50. Team: 2 South Wales 131.

Two Cowbridge year-8 pupils, competing for the under-15 teams, certainly had mixed fortunes.

Annabel Curle, the South Wales Regional Schools under-13 cross-country champion, has been stuck on

VALE athletes, competing at the final Welsh out-the 1.40s height in her high jump, but here cleared door domestic track and field fixture of the sum-1.50 metres for second place, while her school-mate, George Griffiths, the Aviva UK Sportshall under-13 standing long jump champion, cleared 1.60 metres in the high jump, for third place, but had the misfortune to have three no jumps in the long jump, the event where he would have hoped for a better placing.

the endurance events, Barry Comprehensive ear-9 Matthew Collins hacked another chunk off his 800 metres time with a 2:04 clocking, and added further encouraging performances in the 400 metres and relay, while two year-10 pupils. Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) and Rory Heslop (Bro Morgannwg), who have made their mark over the country, must be wondering what might have been achieved had they taken the 1,500 metres steeplechase event seriously at the start of the season

Next year's inter-regional event will be hosted by North Wales, possibly at Connah's Quay.

South Wales Region would like to say a big 'thank you' to Llantwit-based Mrs Julie Jones (Cardiff, under-20 men) and Mr Fred Malkin (Barry & Vale, under-17 men) for helping as team managers.

Results of Vale athletes: Senior men – 110H (-0.9

):3 Derek Osborne (East Wales) 20.66; 4x400: 3 South Wales 3:39.22 (Gareth Hopkins, Hywel Jones, Dafydd Jones, Tom Phillips); HJ: 4 Derek Osborne (East Wales) 1.40; PV: 3 Derek Osborne (East Wales) 2.90; SP: 2 Brett Morse (South Wales) 14.18; 4 Simon Bull (South Wales) 11.37; DT: 1 Brett Morse (South Wales) 56.41 CBP; 5 Simon Bull (South Wales) 31.96; HT: 3 Brett Morse (South Wales) 35.61; JT: 1 Simon Bull (South Wales) 48.32; 4 Derek Osborne (East Wales) 32.38.

Team: 1 West Wales 131; 2 North Wales 130; 3 South Wales 128; 4 East Wales 118.

Junior men – 100(-2.7): 3 Curtis Mathews (South Wales) 11.73; 200 (0.6): 7 Tom Phillips (South Wales) 24.79; 800: 3 5 Dominic Farr (South Wales) 20.445; 3,000: 2 Kyle Garrison (South Wales) 13:08.37; 400H: 3 Tom Phillips (South Wales) 60.50; 4x100: 3 South Wales 45.88 (Dominic Farr, Oliver Trotman, Tom Phillips, Gareth Hopkins); HJ: 4 Oliver Trotman (South Wales) 1.80; 5 Curtis Mathews (South Wales) 1.75; LJ: 2 Curtis Mathews (South Wales) 6.57; 4 Sam Bunkham (South Wales) 5.43; TJ: 4 Sam Bunkham (South Wales) 11.69; SP: 2 Curtis Mathews (South Wales) 13.00; 3 Oliver Trotman (South Wales) 10.06; DT: 1 Curtis Mathews (South Wales) 37.86; HT: 4 Kyle Garrison (South Wales) 14.31; JT: 2 Fearghas Gough (South Wales) 44.19; 6 Kyle Garrison (South Wales) 26.81.

Team: 2 South Wales 127.

Under-17 men - 1,500Sc: 2 Matthew Edwards (South Wales) 4:56.89; 5 Rory Heslop (South Wales) 5:14.03; SP: 3 Sam Norman (South Wales) 10.97; JT: 3 Scott Hewins (South Wales) 44.64; 6 Sam Norman (South Wales) 30.00.

Team: 2 South Wales 30:00:

Team: 2 South Wales 166.5.

Under-15 boys – 100 (-3.0): 1 Thomas Williams (South Wales) 12.020; 200 (-1.0): 1 Thomas Williams (South Wales) 24.06; 400: 4 Matthew Collins (South Wales) 56.88

2 Matthew Collins (South Wales) 2:04.21; 5 Jake Bosza (South Wales) 2:22.09; 4x100: 1 South Wales 48.00 (Tom Williams, James McLean, Adrian Lawrence, Matthew Collins); HJ: 3 George Griffiths (South Wales) 1.60; LJ: 3 Thomas Williams (South Wales) 5.78; George Griffiths (South Wales) nj; DT: 3 Matteo Holmes (South Wales) 29.63; HT: 1 Matteo Holmes (South Wales) 35.530; JT: 1 Matteo Holmes (South Wales) 42.93; 2 Tom Adams (South Wales)

Team: 2 South Wales 116.

Senior women – 100(-4.0): 5 Samantha Gamble (South Wales) 13.20; JT: 1 Lianne Clarke (South Wales) 47.37 CBP.

Team: 2 South Wales 74.

Under-17 women – 100 (-1.7): 6 Ellie Carter (South Wales) 13.85; 300: 4 Ellie Carter (South Wales) 47.51; 1,500: 3 Fiona Bray (South Wales) Wales) 47.51; 1,500: 3 Fiona Bray (South Wales) 5:39.81; 3,000: 3 Caitlin Bryant (South Wales) 12:13.35; 4x100: 3 South Wales 53,74 (Phillips, Lewis, Ellie Carter, Roberts); LJ: 1 Lucy Taylor (South Wales) 4.92; SP: 3 Sarah Herbert (South Wales) 8.30; 6 Ellie Carter (South Wales) 6.72.

Team: 2 South Wales 151.

Under-15 girls – 100 (-2.3): 7 Chelsea Siirak (South Wales) 13.74; 800: 2 Lucy Tarrant (South Wales) 13.74; 800: 2 Lucy Tarrant (South Wales) 13.74; 100: 3 South Wales 54.39 (Esphel)

Wales) 2:32.88; 4x100: 3 South Wales 54.39 (Isobel Hughes, Lara Durrani, Chelsea Siirak, Emma Johnson); HJ: 2 Annabel Curle (South Wales) 1.50.



Not a Brett Morse but good points in five under-20 events for Curtis Mathews.



A very encouraging 1.50 metres clearance for Cowbridge year-8 Annabel Curle.



Matthew Edwards (Barry Comprehensive) in the 1,500 metres steeplechase.



Winner! Year-10 Lucy Taylor (Llantwit) in the under-17 long jump.



It was a confidence-boosting weekend for Delhi-bound Brett Morse.



Oliver Trotman contributed in under-20 events and for the relay team.



ABOVE: The top under-15 boys sprinter in Wales, Tom Williams (Stanwell, No 5) on his way to victory in the 200 metres. He also took the 100 metres.



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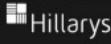
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2010/00924/FUL

Retention of classroom block Headlands School, St. Augustines Road, Penarth

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The Promenade Cafe, The Promenade, Barry Island,

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Brenda. Dean and Ita would like to thank their family, friends, neighbours and all who attended his funeral and for the kindness and support given at this sad time. Mike will be very much missed by all who loved him. Thanks to the Rev Norman Williams and Thomas Bros.

GEOFFREY POWELL

Died August 12, 2010

Jean and Philip would like to thank family and friends from far and near for the hundreds of cards and kind acts of sympathy on their sad loss of Geoff.
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Top honours for the ladies went to Sue Flower's quarter of Mary Thomas, Thelma Jones, Shirley Wilkinson and Sue as skip, beating a men's team skipped by Dennis Snelling. So Ladies 16, men 11. Score:

John Bradley's rink, with Lynda Wilson leading, Jan Lewis at two, Pauline McAllen at three and Joan as skip led all the way against David Jones' rink, but gave away three shots on the

The result: a 20-20

draw.

On the other two rinks,
Roger Barwick and
Norman Wilkinson's teams had good wins,
consuring that the men retained the bragging rights for 2010.

finals day Saturday - a social THE junior section game of bowls with of the club held its the ladies team chal- two end-of-season singles finals last Sunday.

Junior

An excellent morning's play was witnessed by the Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun Len Taylor, his consort Janet Legg (both club mem-bers), club president Pat Davey, parents, grand-parents and senior club members.

In the first of the finals, for the Cowbridge 750 Trophy, Logan Lloyd beat his younger brother Max Lloyd.

Max had also won his way through to the under-16 finals, and this time Max ran out the winner, beating his older opponent, Elliott Rees. There was also a fun

tournament for four girl members. Emery and Claudia Howells (new members



With the Mayor of Cowbridge and his consort are (left to right): Jasmine Emery, Claudia Howells, Jemma Thornton and Vicky Bennett.



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RHOOSE BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Finals Day sees close competition

club held club finals Saturday, September 4.

The opening matches were the four bowl singles games.

The men's match saw father and son in opposi-tion. Les Parsons junior was playing his son, Darren. It wasn't Darren. It wasn't Darren's day, with Les leading from the opening end, finally winning by

The ladies' final was between Sue Dance and Jo Hopkins. This was a

closer match with Sue winning by 21 – 17. In the men's pairs, Mike White and Les Parsons junior faced Paul Williams and Ron Craig. A fiercely contested match saw Paul and Ron win by two

In the ladies' pairs final, Anita Shears and Mo Dutton played Sue Dance and Jo Hopkins. Anita and Mo won by 20

The mixed pairs saw Sue in action again, with Ron Evans as her part-

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RHOOSE bowling ner. Their opposition were Anita Shears and Rhodri Davies.

This was another close match with each pair taking the lead but eventually, experience came to the fore and Sue and Ron won by 15 – 12.

The men's two bowls singles saw Les Parsons junior in action again. His opponent this time was Phil Watts, who won a close match.

The final match of the day was also Sue Dance's fourth final. In the two bowls singles, she again faced Jo Hopkins.

Despite leading for most of the match, Sue was surprised that Jo scored on the last few ends to draw level on the allotted 18.

An extra end was played, on which Sue managed to secure one shot to win the game.

Club president Bert Ewerts presented the trophies to the winners, complimenting them on the standard of their bowling.

It was also encouraging to see several new players featuring in the

The club looks forward now to a visit from Welsh bowls Commonwealth team for their final practice on Sunday, September 19.

championship success EDINBURGH'S world-famous Meadowbank stadium was once more the venue last week-

end for the British Karate Championships.

Even before the event started, the already small Vale squad was rocked by the withdrawals through illness of potential medallists Morgan and Davies.

Although prospects looked reduced, Vale Karate got looked off to an brilliant start when Leah Copeland earned an impressive silver medal in the under-16 rls kata. Elliot Evans, at 17

already a regular member of the Welsh squad, won a silver medal at July's British Open in Glasgow.

He showed that achievement was no that to take his first individual open-weight to take his first individual British title, winning the junior male under-18 - 55Kg division.

Without Rhys Davies, the Vale Karate under 19

the Vale Karate under-18 team was left with just Elliot and Luke Davies who, having recently celebrated his 16th birthday, was making his under-18 debut.



ABOVE: Gareth Reynolds

RIGHT: Demi White

Vale Karate's British

defied the odds, falling one short of their ulti-mate goal, settling for a hard-fought team silver medal.

Vale Karate's kumite coach Gareth Reynolds recently returned from the Welsh squad's trip to the Celtic Karate Cup in Brittany, where he was individual open-weight

fantastic 10-2 win.

Demi White, a British Open champion in July, was the Vale's star during Sunday's children's events

but. With another series of Nevertheless, they characteristically brave



and exciting performances; Demi won Vale Karate's third gold medal of the weekend, the under-14 girls openweight event, and second British title of the

RUGBY TOURNAMENT FOR THE MINIS AND LED A RESOU





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ON a cold and wet September morning, Llantwit Major RFC mini and juniors kicked off their season by hosting a tournament sponsored by Sinclair Direct.

A great deal of hard work had been put into organising the event by the minis committee and the sponsors. Thirty two teams from the Blues the sponsors. Thirty two teams from the Blues region braved the elements, ranging from under-8s to under-11s.

The weather certainly did not dampen the standard of play from the four competitions, even

though the players, coaches and referees had to cope with the new pathways laws.

The standard of play was quite outstanding so early in the season, and this was further boosted by the arrival of Blues, Wales and Lions legend Tom Shanklin

Tom posed for photos and signed autographs, and was a true ambassador for professional rugby. He had time for everyone, and presented

medals to the winning teams and runners-up.

All players who entered the competition received a medal for their efforts.

As well as the rugby, there were competitions run by the sponsors, bungee jumps and refreshments served throughout the day. The day proved to be a massive success, and it is hoped to make the tournament an annual event.

There are too many people to thank, but well done to all who worked so tirelessly to make the day a great success - bring on next year!













It's yet another win for Am I

Delyth Thomas has never had so much publicity in the 5-1, landed a huge gamble at Hereford Races recently.

All eyes were on her four-year-old filly when she lined up again at Newton Abbot just five days later – this time, she stormed home again by 22 lengths from You Can Of Course.

Am I Blue's Hereford win is the subject of a British Horse Racing Authority investigation and Mrs Thomas told me: "On the way to Newton Abbot, I received a telephone call

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee to say that after heavy rain the going, which had been on the good side, was now getting soft and I didn't know how my filly would act had been on the good

She added: "Had it not been for all the controversy over the Hereford race, I would have withdrawn her, but I decided to let her take her chance and Richard (Johnson, the winning jockey) told me she went very well on it and, of course, I was delighted with the result.'

However, Mrs Thomas is still smarting from some of the things that have been said in the national press and by one racing commentator in particular.

She claims she doesn't know who was behind the massive gam-ble on her filly and believes the fact that she replaced Cowbridge's Deano Coleman, a 5lb claiming jockey, with top jockey Richard Johnson may have been

jockey. Dean hadn't had

taken ill during the night

and, truth be known, he

had become somewhat

disillusioned with rac-

much sleep after his grandmother had been

the cause, as punters read more into the jock-Mrs Thomas. She said: "It's simply ev change than they untrue. I trained her on should have.
She said: "Contrary to what some newspapers have been saying, there was nothing sinister about the change of

had plenty to smile about last week, saddling another two winners. His three-year-old Sassanian, owned by Michael Page, finally made it to the winner's enclosure after a string

ing, as many jockeys do from time to time.

Am I Blue used to be owned by Cardiff bookmaker David Lovell and trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan, and rumours that it had been given a trial on Tim's gallops were scotched by

my own circular gallops, where I train my Arabian

Meanwhile, Vaughan of second and third

places when winning the juvenile hurdle at week when winning Sedgefield, and his Ben's Folly, owned by David Lovell and backed from 6-1 to 9-2, was successful at Uttoxeter.

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EVEN MORE SUCCESS WITH LUTINE CHARLIE! Lutine Charlie, a three-year-old bay gelding, owned by Mr Jason Tucker. and trained at Kenfig Hill by John Flint, landed a little gamble

the Brains Beer Handicap under Russ Kenemore. Backed from 3-1 to 9-4 favourite, Lutine Charlie won by a neck from Catchanova, gaining revenge for a half-a-length defeat by the Eve

week when winning

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Rhys and Scott Jenkins preparing for their amazing 2,000 mile run from Boston to Austin.

IF you thought that autumn. Izzard's marathon efforts for 'Sport Relief' were incredible. then you'll be even more amazed by ultraendurance charity challenge that one the Vale Council's exercise referral professionals is tackling this days!

Scott Jenkins is swapping Barry Leisure Centre to go stateside and run more than a marathon every day for two and a half months, as he attempts to com-plete the 2,000 mile journey across the USA from Boston to Austin.

That's nearly twice the distance Eddie Izzard covered when he ran 43 marathons in 51

and Rusty's American marathon challenge

Twenty-nine-year-old Scott will be joined on his mammoth challenge by his brother Rhys, a LifeStyle member who has been hitting the gym at Penarth Leisure Centre even more often recently in preparation for the run, and their friend Rusty Tolliver, who lives in Texas

The courageous trio begin their 'Boston to Austin – Hit the Road Running' challenge on

September 15 and have set themselves a target of finishing by early December. They are aiming to raise £20,000 to £30,000 for charity, with the funds being split between the British Foundation, Heart Young Texans Against Cancer, and Help the Heroes/Salute America's Heroes - two charities that help wounded sol-diers in the UK and

Running one marathon is more than most people can manage and it takes months of training, with weeks of painful joints and blisters afterwards, so how has Scott prepared for his gruelling Forrest

Gump-esque test? Scott said: "In the past I have run two offi-cial marathons, but to complete so many on consecutive days is a whole different ball

game. "A big task in training has been to make sure maintain my weight and that will be really important throughout the run as I will burn off thousands of calories each day, so it's vital that I take on the right amounts of food and drink to keep my energy levels high." Scott's friends and

family are obviously right behind him as he prepares for the run, while his clients, who are training at Barry Leisure Centre as part of the exercise referral scheme, have been astounded by what he is about to undertake.

Scott added: "It's an insane challenge, but life is about getting out there and doing something different. I'm not aware of anyone who has attempted this particular challenge before, and we

are hoping to raise massive amounts for charity. 'We all have close friends who have served in Afghanistan and Iraq, so the military charities are particularly close to our hearts."

You can follow Scott, Rhys and Rusty's progress in the build up to, and during, the run at

online at www.2000milerun.com. where you can also find out how you can pledge your support and donate. The three friends will

run up to 30 miles a day. The route will see the trio take in nine states including New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee, and they will pass through 109 towns

RUNNING FROM BOSTON TO AUSTIN... Llantwit Major Bowls Club Scott, Rhys celebrate 50th anniversary



ABOVE: Roy French, Arthur Harvey, Vera Wickenden and Mike Adams before their final.

bowls club's week of fun activities.

Intended as a lighthearted celebration of the 50th anniversary, the week saw four different variations on the game of were bowls, none of which ners. have been seen in Llantwit before.

Tuesday had four rinks of ladies taking on the men in a rather different format.

After an end was to the back as skip.
After initial confusion,

weather which added to the buoy-

It was necessary to adjust the scores to account for some irregular behaviour by the men, after which the ladies were declared the win-

On Wednesday, the ladies champion, Kay Johnes, took on the men's champion Bert Colling, in a grand challenge match.

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An enthusiastic audi-

15 matches in four days

ence thoroughly enjoyed petition. No-one has seen stayed kind for the ant spirits, most rinks the game, which was this before and some howls club's week of succeeded in struggling won by Kay in grand ingenious ploys were style to continue her successful season.
On Friday, the bowlers

had a taste of what it is like to play Crown Green

and only a few of Llantwit's members have knowledge of it.

Playing on a flat green playing.

The greatest innovation was saved for Saturday afternoon, blessed with glorious sun, for the inaugural brations.

ingenious ploys were anticipated from those members who have devious minds

Played in the World Cup style of groups This version of the whose winners go on to game is usually confined to the north of England, provided a new challenge provided a new challenge for the enthusiastic participants.

Mike Adams and Rov gave an experience of a French won the final, very different style of beating Arthur Harvey and Vera Wickenden.

A serving of hot pasties helped to seal a successful week of cele-

Cowbridge under-11s retain Aberdare trophy

COWBRIDGE under-11s headed into the heart of the Cynon Valley with one goal in mind - to win the Aberdare tournament for the second year running.

Ironically, the first game was against Bridgend Athletic, who had beaten the boys convincingly only seven days earlier. From the kick off, Bevan Howells made a huge tackle on his opposite number and set the tone for the

The Cowbridge forwards dominated at the break down, while the backs moved the ball to test the Athletic defence. Evan Williams opened the scoring and secured a 5–0 half time

The second half saw more of the same with Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths and Sam Corkill superb up front Ioan Lewis and Rhys Bradshaw were able to supply good ball for Evan Williams, Luke Beattie and Bevan Howells to probe for

openings.
The Athletic defence was superb but with the last play of the game, Max Lucas drove at the defence and the ball was moved to Bevan Howells who touched down for a final score of Cowbridge 10, Bridgend Athletic 0.

The next two games against Hirwaun and Aberdare saw the boys move the ball all over the park. Once again the forward efforts of William Davies, Dan Marshall and Cameron Roy, added to the boys from the first game, gave the talented back line the freedom to run.

Both games saw spirited defence from the opposition but tries from Bevan Howells, Rhys Bradshaw, Evan

Williams, Luke Beattie, Rhydian Williams and Max Lucas saw Cowbridge win both games, 35–0 and 30–0 respectively.

The final group game

saw a replay of last year's final against Abercynon. Once again, the boys would domi-nate proceedings against a very talented Abercynon outfit. The stand out feature of this game would be the way the boys nullified the dangerous opposition backline.

Jac Roberts was at his brilliant best and terrorised the opposition fly half. He was ably supported by every one of his team mates and Rhydian Williams opened the scoring.

The forwards recy cled endless ball and Ioan Lewis' service was excellent as the speedy backline constantly tested their opposite num-bers. Tries from the excellent Jake Griffiths, excellent Jake Griffiths, Evan Williams and a wonderful jinking effort from Rhys Bradshaw gave Cowbridge a 20–0 half time lead.

A few changes were made and further tries from Luke Beattie and the impressive Bevan Howells saw a full time of Cowbridge 30,

Abercynon 0.
The final pitched Cowbridge against a Mountain Ash side who had also won all their group games without conceding a single try Once again, Cowbridge would dominate the game while playing the open style of rugby that is becoming their trade-mark. Evan Williams opened the scoring with an impressive turn of

This was followed by a double from Bevan Howells and a superb try from the ever-abra-sive Rhydian Williams for a half time lead of

The second half saw

various personnel and positional changes, as all the boys would play their part. William Davies impressed with a couple of barnstorming runs, while Cameron Roy and Dan Marshall both competed well.

From a kick off, Bevan Howells gathered and crashed through the defence to increase the lead Further tries followed from the excellent James Guard, Max Lucas and Rhydian Williams before Mountain Ash added a consolation try of their own, for a final score of Cowbridge 40, Mountain Ash 5

After the disappointment of last week's opening fixture, the coaches were looking for a reaction and an improvement in the boys performance. Well, the boys exceeded all expectations. Everyone played their part in a superb display of open running rugby and they should all be extremely proud of

themselves.
Thank you to all the boys from the opposition sides. Every game was keenly contested with all teams contribut ing to an excellent day of competitive rugby.
An additional thank you to all from Aberdare RFC, for their superb organisation and their extremely warm welcome. Congratulations to all the referees, who were excellent and a pleasure to be involved

Squad: Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Dan Marshall, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, James Guard, Luke Beattie, Max Lucas, Rhydian Williams, Rhys Bradshaw, Sam Corkill, William Davies.

LLANTWIT MAJOR JUNIOR FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

make for a gruelling test! IT has been a busy week for Llantwit Major juniors, with 15 matches played

in four days. In midweek. under-12As won their first match with a 7-0 victory over Cowbridge

Toff Patel notched a hat-trick with Dan Vickers, Otto Guwy, Cai Evans and Leo Kerry

scoring the others.

The under-12B side visited Cowbridge A and lost 8–3, with Ben Simpson, Alex Parry and

Simpson, Alex Parry and Jonnie Sparks the Llantwit goalscorers.

On Saturday, the under-12A were without a game, while the under-12B team lost 10–0 at home to Dinas Powys A.

The under 13 team

The under-13 team won both their matches in midweek. They beat Cowbridge 2-1 at Windmill Lane. Ryan Clarke opened

Llantwit's account and an own goal made it 2-0. The visitors pulled one back, but it was not enough to deny Llantwit

victory.

On Saturday, two goals from Will Perkins

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were enough to give Llantwit a 2–0 away win at High Street Harriers.

Connor Clarke was outstanding for the under-14A side who beat Cowbridge 7-0 Corntown.

He scored five goals and, in a superb team performance, further goals were scored by Jake Sutch and Kyle Harman.

Billington Hugo saved a penalty to deny Cowbridge, and Llantwit romped to vic-

tory. The under-14B have had a tough week – in midweek they lost 7–0 against Penmark United at Windmill Lane and on Saturday, they lost 7-2 at Wenvoe, with Matthew Sanderson and

George Thompson scoring.
Tom Rawlings played

well for Llantwit, who had to defend against a strong Wenvoe side. In midweek, the under-15A kicked off

their season with a 4-2 victory at Holton Road. It was a good start against a Holton side who are always tough to

beat.
Llantwit's marksmen were Tom Russell, Edward Howley, Geraint and Connor

Cowbridge beat the under-15B at Windmill Lane 3–1, with Ryan Glenton on target for the Major.

On Saturday, the under-15A side were without a fixture; how-

team visited Sully Sports A and lost 4–1, Ryan Glenton again Llantwit's goalscorer.

The under-16s had a

good week. They beat Cowbridge 11–1 in midweek at Cowbridge Leisure Centre and on Saturday drew 1–1 at home to Dinas Powys.

Lewys Jones and Yegor Young notched hat-tricks at Cowbridge, with Dafydd James Isaac (two), Rob Sawyer, Luke Wiltshire and Dan wen scoring the others.

Dinas Powys were much tougher opposi-tion. Dafydd James put Llantwit in but the visitors front. equalised for a share of the points.

GWYN JOHN

Success for Cowbridge Karate club instructors

ON Saturday, July with an outstanding perthird place. 24, two instructors from the

Cowbridge Karate Club took part in the British Karate Kyokushinkai Welsh Regional Open Knockdown tournament Rhydycar Leisure Centre, Merthyr

Tydfil. Eira Sempai Eira Culverwell (2nd Dan) was awarded second place in the ladies' open lightweight

formance against strong, experienced

She narrowly missed out on first place in a fight that went to two extra, gruelling rounds after a split decision could not separate the fighters.

Sensei Roger Nevens (4th Dan), a senior instructor at the Cowbridge Karate Club, faced challenging oppo-nents in the men's open

heavyweight category. He used his years of fighting experience to achieve a respectable

Cowbridge Club is a long-established amateur organisation which practises traditional karate and selfdefence.

Training sessions are at Cowbridge Leisure Centre on Mondays and Fridays – juniors 6pm to 7pm and seniors 7pm to

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Tom's back in school as British champion!



ABOVE: Tom Harvey (second from right) celebrates his championship success on the podium.

The 12-year-old than 3/10ths adrift of the laure C o w b r i d g e winner and with a better ond travelled to Whilton for name to boot.

The 12-year-old than 3/10ths adrift of the laure winner and with a better ond travelled to Whilton for name to boot.

The 15-th persons of the materials of the state of the penultimate outing in Super 1 Series, with a final, which theoretically to push him away at the commanding 45-point left Tom on the back foot start and then bear and advantage in the 15commanding 45-point advantage in the drivers' standings.

Tom said: "I love Theoretically. Whilton Mill as a track; I know it like the back of seventh, and quickly my hand and I've won worked my way up to nearly every time I've third. I was then able to nearly every time I've third. I was then able to line. He wasn't a threat to Hazlewood, my mum been there lately, which break away from the me in the championship, and dad and Leon and Di helped my confidence. helped my confidence loads."

However, carburettor it was really hard work. It was really hard work. It was really pleased Saturday went far from to finish third, and fastest qualified a unaccustomed 13th out

to a flying start to

and 8-3 margins.

his shooting boots on as he has already hit the net

nine times and is running defences ragged with his

done exactly the same on games. the left, as well as linking

once more with no wet set-up to resort to.

"I started the first final pack behind, but with it

according to plan. Tom lap proved I had the pace distinctly in the wet as well.'

Even more important-28. ly, with Lando Norris and Happily, overnight Max Vaughan – the only

Under-12s are

off to a flyer

COWBRIDGE well with Duncan Ace, Town under-12 A who is certainly living up

team have got away to his surname!
The heartbeat of the

to a flying start to the season with team, the midfield trio of David Bear, George Day

three wins out of and Luke Jeffries, is run-three by 13–0, 9–2 ning like a slick oiled

Striker Harrison the British Stevens seems to have performances by Tom his shooting boots on as Williams, Tomos Evans-

defences ragged with instrength and pace.

Sammy Lee and Sean
Davies are flying down
Davies are flying down
of all is Henry Jones, the right wing and getting in behind defences, and outstanding between

while James Holder has the posts in all three

engine, while at the back there have been great

Bainbridge-Glover and

Williams,

Will Smith.

BONVILSTON'S changes transformed his two drivers who could mathematically pip him the chequered flag – I mount, and in heat two winding up outside of the stormed through from top ten, Tom was one the air! It was absolutely amazing when they construct the stormed through from the transfer of the stormed through from the transfer of the transfer of the stormed through from the transfer of the tran laurels, too,,,and the second final would seal the

The heavens then pened prior to the first final, which theoretical the state of the start and then keep pushing the two of us clear of the rest of the field.

"We opened up a huge gap back to third place. and then I just pushed Fusion Nathan over the finish team for second.

The third chain points in the chain second at Soixante Racing for him and I happily settled for second.

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amazing when they con-firmed that I was British Champion - Lando and Max have both been such tough competitors and the three of us have had some really good battles together, and this is what we've been working so hard for all year.

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES!

Bridgend Athletic RFC are held to a draw after lacklustre performance

week makes! Following the pre-Saturday's vious outstanding victory over Maesteg, the Athletic travelled west to Whitland, where they have never won, expect-

ing a hard game.
Unfortunately, from the outset, the visitors looked a very different outfit as they put in a disjointed and lacklustre performance. It was one of those games where everyone is working hard but to little real

Nevertheless, the positive side to the game was the result, which was the best ever achieved by the Ewenny

Road club at their hosts.

Things started badly when the Athletic's switched kick-out did mot go the required 10 metres, giving the initial advantage to the home team. The ball went to touch in the Athletic half and from the lineout Whitland won a penalty that was sent sailing over by scrum-half Huw

There followed a period of thrust and counter thrust, with Whitland looking more dangerous on the count-er-attack. A deep kick to the corner by Stuart Morris allowed the Athletic to exert pressure but poor ball reten-tion let the home team

off the hook.

A minute later, the Ath won a strike against the head and moved the ball quickly to Marc Bennett who broke

WHITLAND BRIDGEND ATHLETIC through the defence and

a well-timed pass put wing Lloyd Pemberton in near the corner. Tom Davies was unable to convert. The Athletic seemed

to lose concentration at the kick-off and the ball was spilled, putting Whitland on the attack in the Athletic half. The home side put together a series of plays that rolled the Ath back towards their own line and eventually the defence was over-whelmed, allowing the Borderers fly-half Rhys Jones to wriggle over out wide for an uncon-verted try to win back the lead

The remainder of the half was again littered with errors and, following Stuart Nation's jersey tug to try to rectify a loss of possession, Whitland just missed with a long range penal-ty that would have given them a healthy half-time lead under the circumstances.

The start of the sec-ond half saw Whitland kick-out on the full and from there on it was Bridgend Athletic who dominated proceedings, without managing to turn that dominance into points as the tricky wind defied both Davies and Morris' attempts to slot the ball through the

uprights.

Late in the game, with Whitland's flanker and captain Ryan Michael in the sin-bin for a ruck infringement, the Athletic had a period



ABOVE: Wing Lloyd Pemberton scores Bridgend Athletic's try.

on pressure Whitland line with replacement scrum-half Aled Thomas being held

up just short as he darted down the blind-side following a slick pass by

No. 8 Dan Apsee. Lloyd Pemberton broke clear only for indecision to thwart a try-scoring chance. Then, as the visitors continued to batter their opponents line, Simon Mustoe surged forward only to be denied by great tackling. To rub salt into the wound, he was penalised for holding on and Whitland cleared their lines.

With time running out, the Ath won yet another penalty and this time up stepped Morris to judge the wind to per-fection and level the

It was a game that should have been won, and with more composure and the same controlled aggression as last week, it could have been a comfortable victory, but the two points earned here could take on more importance as the season progresses.

This Saturday, the Athletic travel to play last season's Division One East champions UWIC, who have made a 100 per cent start to this campaign.

Quiz League posers

HERE are this week's teasers:

1 With which of the four seasons does Vivaldi's famous group four

of concertos begin?

2 Who wrote the opera
Tristan & Isolde?

Tristan & Isolde?

3 With which English racecourse would you associate the Lancashire Oaks?

4 Which motor com-

pany manufactures a small car called 'The

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Athletic's No 8 Dan Apsee attacks.

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Croissants stay top of league



Laleston Lions.

COTTERILL-inspired Hangover Heroes beat Athletico Brackla 4-2 to move off the bottom of the Bridgend Six-a-side league.

They are replaced by No Tea Tonight who lost 3-0 to B Attack. The victory was a potentially vital one as it keeps them in touch with leaders Croissants, who crushed The Pie Boys 6-0, thanks largely to Carl Green.

Mid-table Hardly Athletic caused an upset and cruised 3-1 against division one leaders Persil Boys, while it was honours even as Laleston Lions drew 2-2 with Minter Phoenix in a result that did neither of the struggling sides any favours, and not even John Phillips' best efforts could get a win for Young Exiles, their game with Team Extreme ending 1-1 despite his starring role.

Anyone who wants to join the Six-a-side football

leagues in Bridgend can telephone 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Premier Division Team Name Pla Played Goal Diff Points Croissants B Attack Day Sleepers Athletico Brackla 19 10 Sarn Devils The Pie Boys -10 -27 10 Hangover Heroes

PENCOED THWARTED AS...



Gareth Lewis on his way to the try line. (Photo by Peter Gilling).

Kenfig Hill take the spoils in a one-sided game

THIS was the first time these two old rivals had met in the league.

Pencoed were awarded a penalty almost from the kick-off, but the kick from the halfway line went wide. After that it was Kenfig Hill on the effective it was the first time. Substitute outside-half careth Lewis then came on and showed some lowed in quick succession. Despite being which he converted. Steve Gillard then to the converted by Clarke.

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to clear their line with a succession of penalties.
The Mules kept up the pressure and scored a try through second row Gareth Russell, who took the ball in open play and sprinted over the line.

No 8 Thomas Maund caught the ball from the kick-off and glided through the defence to score, converted by cen-tre and captain Rhodri Clarke, and this was followed by a penalty from

At this point, Kenfig

outstanding, preventing Pencoed making any

headway.

The half-time score was Kenfig Hill 15
Pencoed 0.
The half-time talk by

head coach Nigel Evans must have been interesting to say the least, as the penalty count against the Mules virtually ceased for the rest of the game. Kenfig Hill played some dazzling attacking

rugby for the rest of the match, and tries followed

Gareth Russell popped up for his second try and Thomas Maund powered Hill's indiscipline caught over from the base of a up with them, with Steve scrum for his second,

Lewis converting.

This gave a final score of Kenfig Hill 48

Pencoed 0.

The referee's man of the match was Steve Gillard, with prop Gareth Edwards winning the Prince of Wales meal for

Gareth Russell had an outstanding game in the second row, showing power and running skills.

Matthew Tossell had an accomplished game at at regular intervals for full-back and the tight the rest of the afternoon. head prop showed well head prop showed well in the scrum and in the

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Veterans' captain's day goes with swing at Pyle and Kenfig

THIS year, the cap-tain of the veterans' section of Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, Gerry Evans, was blessed with excellent weather for his

big day.

The sun was high in a cloudless sky and due to the dry spell, the rough was not as penal as in previous years, the fair-ways running and run-ning just as in the Open on TV. Par fives were reachable in two shots which doesn't often hap-

pen in this section.

There were disappointed players on the longest drive hole who creamed their drives and felt that no-one could possibly pass them, only to learn that a member of the last team surpassed all their efforts to take distribution to the last team surpassed all their efforts to take distribution to tak



Don Ward receives his prize from Gerry Evans.

home the bottle of wine. in all it was a day to be The winner, with a remembered.

fabulous score of 42
Stableford points, was that Pyle and Kenfig has bon 'I never miss a fair- introduced new grades of way' Ward. This represents six shots better than age would-be golfers.

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